

Skin- and environment-friendly amino acid-derived ingredients Introduction of the Cosmetics (Personal Care) Ingredients Business

This month we would like to introduce our Group's Personal Care Ingredients business. These ingredients are widely used around the world as raw materials for cosmetics and toiletries.

In 1972, the Ajinomoto Group launched *Amisoft®*, the world's first amino acid-based surfactant¹ made from glutamic acid (the same ingredient used in the umami seasoning *AJI-NO-MOTO®*) produced by a plant-based fermentation process.



Products of the Personal Care Ingredients business

Since then, for more than half a century, our Group has been providing a wide variety of amino acid-derived raw materials for cosmetics and toiletries to more than 5,000 cosmetics companies in 55 countries around the world.

The Group's personal care ingredients making use of "AminoScience"² are widely used in products for skin care, hair care, and make-up, because they are gentle on the skin and the environment and have excellent moisture retention properties. In recent years, in particular, customers such as cosmetics companies have shown an even keener interest in our products as materials that contribute to the reduction of environmental burdens. In addition, using our strength as an ingredient manufacturer, we are also selling *Jino*, a skin care brand that uses our amino acid-based cosmetic ingredients.

Please take a look at one of our plants, laboratories, and sales offices, each in a different country to see our staff hard at work, and learn more about their efforts.

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Through our unique personal care ingredients, we will bring the joy of beauty and health and smiles to people, contributing to the well-being of people and realizing a sustainable society.

¹ Surfactant: a cleansing ingredient used in shampoos, body soaps, etc.

² "AminoScience": A collective term for the various materials, functions, technologies, and services derived from research and implementation processes with a rigorous focus on unlocking the power of amino acids. It also refers to the Ajinomoto Group's unique scientific approach to connect these to resolving social issues and contributing to well-being.

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Amino Acid Aging Care: *Jino* (Japanese only) : <https://www.ajinomoto.co.jp/jino/>

The Ajinomoto Group will contribute to the well-being of all human beings, our society and our planet with “AminoScience” based on the corporate slogan “Eat Well, Live Well.” The Ajinomoto Group has offices in 34 countries and regions, and sells products in more than 130 countries and regions. In fiscal 2023, sales were 1.4392 trillion yen (9.9 billion U.S. dollars). To learn more, visit www.ajinomoto.com.

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