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GMO Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

We hereby state that the Ajinomoto Monosodium Glutamate product (MSG) as sold by Ajinomoto North America, Inc., is produced via fermentation, which is a natural process. The MSG we market is not a 'genetically engineered' molecule or substance.

To complete the fermentation process, the microorganism(s) which produce our MSG use a vast array of nutrients (e.g. energy source, vitamins, minerals, etc.) which are added to the broth or fermentation medium in which it is grown. The major energy source for that fermentation process is corn syrup, which contains neither protein nor nucleic acids derived from genetically engineered plants.

Unfortunately, we are not today in a position to unequivocally certify that all of the many nutrients used during this fermentation are absolutely devoid of any GMO-derived contaminant in order to allow us to certify that Ajinomoto MSG is a GMO-free product; however, the steps employed subsequent to fermentation during MSG production (i.e. separation, extensive purification and crystallization) would eliminate or dramatically reduce any conceivable contaminant of 'GMO-like' material that might have been present in the fermentation broth.

Please feel free to contact us if there are any questions.

Best regards,

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