

Notice of Certification and Settlement Agreement Approval
IN THE MATTER OF MSG/NUCLEOTIDES CLASS ACTION LITIGATION
PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

TO: All persons or entities who purchased MSG and/or Nucleotides in any form and for any use, including products containing or derived from MSG and/or Nucleotides, in, into, or from Canada, between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1999

1. Purpose of this Notice

Class Proceeding lawsuits have been initiated in Ontario, British Columbia, and Quebec in which it is alleged that the Defendants conspired to fix prices and allocate markets for MSG and/or Nucleotides in Canada.

Settlement Agreements have been reached between the Plaintiffs (the parties who brought the lawsuit) and some of the Defendants, Archer Daniels Midland Company, Ajinomoto Co., Inc., Ajinomoto U.S.A., Inc., Takeda Chemical Industries Ltd., CJ Corp. f/k/a Cheil Jedang Corporation, CJ America, Inc., Daesang America, Inc., f/k/a Miwon America, Inc., and Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd. The proceeding was certified and the Settlement Agreements were approved by the Courts in Ontario on March 10, 2004, in British Columbia on April 16, 2004, and in Quebec on June 2, 2004.

Class Counsel have discontinued the litigation as against the Defendant Tung Hai Fermentation Industrial Corp.

This Notice is to advise you of the Settlement Agreements and to inform you of your rights as a Class Member under the Settlement Agreements.

2. Class Member Categories

If you purchased MSG and/or Nucleotides or products containing or derived from MSG and/or Nucleotides in, into, or from Canada between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1999 you are a Class Member. Class Members fall into the following categories:

1. Distributors - Class Members who purchased MSG and/or Nucleotides in raw form between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1999, and only resold the MSG and/or Nucleotides without further processing or including them in another product.
2. Producers - Class Members, other than Distributors, who purchased MSG and/or Nucleotides in raw form between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1999 (including restaurants and food service outlets).
3. Intermediaries and Consumers - Class Members who are neither Distributors nor Producers.

3. Claim Program - Distributors and Producers

Distributors and Producers will be eligible to receive monetary benefits under the Settlement Agreements. \$5,459,015.76 less counsel fees, disbursements, administration and proportionate costs of notice, will be available to compensate Distributors and Producers.

The monetary benefits paid to Distributors and Producers will depend, in part, on the number of claims that are made.

Distributors and Producers must complete a claim form, and submit certain required supporting documentation outlined in the claim form. To be eligible for compensation, the claim form together with the required supporting documentation must be submitted to the Claims Administrator by October 30, 2004. Claim forms are available by contacting the Claims Administrator by telephone at 1-866-432-5534 or by email at claims@nptca.com or at www.classaction.ca

4. Compensation Plan - Consumers and Intermediaries

A Settlement Fund of \$963,355.72 plus accrued interest, less legal fees, disbursements, and proportionate costs of notice, shall be available to compensate Consumers and Intermediaries.

Recognizing the difficulty of determining the damage suffered by any given Consumer or Intermediary, and recognizing the related difficulties in directly compensating Consumers and Intermediaries, it has been determined that compensation will be paid to the following organizations for the general benefit of Consumers and Intermediaries:

1. Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors - 25%
2. Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers - 25%

3. Community Foundations - 45% to be split between the following Foundations in the following percentages:

- Vancouver Foundation - 19%
- The Calgary Community Foundation - 5%
- The Edmonton Community Foundation - 5%
- The Saskatoon Foundation - 3.3%
- The Winnipeg Foundation - 3.7%
- Toronto Community Foundation - 25%
- Community Foundation of Ottawa - 9%
- London Community Foundation - 4%
- Hamilton Community Foundation - 6%
- The Foundation of Greater Montreal - 12%
- The Halifax Foundation - 3%
- Community Foundation of Greater Moncton - 2.4%
- Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador - 1.7 %
- Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island - 0.5 %
- Yellowknife Community Foundation - 0.4%

4. General Romeo Dallaire Foundation - 5%

5. Release of claims and the effect on other proceedings

You will be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreements, unless you "opt out", a process that is described in the next section.

This means that you will not be able to bring or maintain any other claim or legal proceeding against the Defendants or any parties released therein who have entered into the Settlement Agreements in connection with MSG and/or Nucleotides or products containing or derived from MSG and/or Nucleotides unless you "opt out".

6. Opting out of the Settlement Agreements

If you would like to exclude yourself from the Settlement Agreements, you can opt out by obtaining an "Opt Out Form" (available from the Claims Administrator), and filing it with the Claims Administrator no later than August 31, 2004.

If you opt out you will not be eligible for any of the benefits of the Settlement Agreements.

7. Class Counsel

The law firm of Siskind, Cromarty, Ivey & Dowler LLP, represent the Class in Ontario, along with all Class Members in provinces other than British Columbia and Quebec. Ontario Class Counsel can be reached toll-free at 1-800-461-6166 ext. 455.

The law firm of Camp Fiorante Mathews represent the Class in British Columbia. Camp Fiorante Mathews can be reached at 604-689-7555.

The law firm of Desmeules, Eizenga, Strickland, Wright S.E.N.C represent the members of the Quebec Class. Quebec Class Counsel can be reached at 418-694-2009.

8. Legal Fees

Class Counsel in all jurisdictions will seek legal fees from their respective courts in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Benefits attributable to their jurisdiction, plus disbursements and taxes.

9. Questions About the Settlement Agreements

If you would like a copy of the Settlement Agreements or have questions, you can reach the Claims Administrator by telephone at 1-866-432-5534 or by email at claims@nptca.com A copy of the Settlement Agreements can be sent to you at a cost of \$20.00, which amount represents the cost of photocopying and mailing the Settlement Agreements.

10. Interpretation

If there is a conflict between the provisions of this Notice and the Settlement Agreements and any of its appendices, the terms of the Settlement Agreements shall prevail.