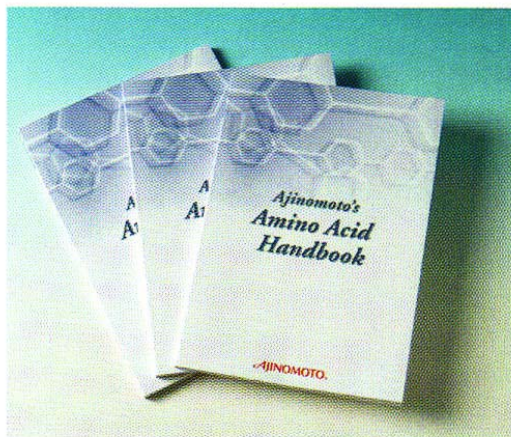


## Ajinomoto rewrites book on amino acids

AJINOMOTO has published a revised and updated edition of the company's highly respected handbook on amino acids. Amino acids are, quite literally, the building blocks of life. As

this work shows, they play an important role in virtually every function of the human body and metabolism. For example, glutamate has recently been shown to be an essential and important source of energy for the digestive system.

Ajinomoto's credentials in the field of amino acids are second to none. The company was the world's first producer of amino acids, having introduced its umami seasoning product in 1909. Since then, Ajinomoto has maintained an extensive scientific research programme in fields from pharmaceuticals to food products. In 1956, Ajinomoto became the first company in the world to produce and supply crystalline amino acids for use in clinical nutrition preparations, now used widely for the care



of hospital patients. Amisoft, a range of mild surfactants used as cleansers in the cosmetics industry, was introduced in the 1960s. In the following decade, Ajinomoto further expanded

the scope of its amino acid businesses by developing animal nutrition products for the global feed market.

Ajinomoto's Amino Acid Handbook can trace its roots back to a first edition which was published in 1965. It contains detailed scientific information and is a valuable reference document for research and development professionals. Included in a broad range of subjects covered are metabolism, nutrition and analysis, plus a detailed reference section on individual amino acids.

Copies of Ajinomoto's Amino Acid Handbook can be ordered from SA Ajinomoto OmniChem NV in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (+32 10 48 32 22).

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