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CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2050

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The Meiji Group is based on the bounty of nature, such as raw milk, cocoa, lactobacillus and microorganisms. We therefore believe that it is our responsibility to live in harmony with the global environment and nature.

However, sustainability of the global environment has been threatened by climate change and other factors in the recent years. The Meiji Group has been performing initiatives to eliminate all CO₂ emissions, a major cause of climate change, throughout our entire supply chain toward carbon neutrality. In addition, we have recently formulated a roadmap to achieve this goal.



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Three Scopes of Emissions Covered by the Meiji Group

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Two Targets of the Roadmap



2 Aim for Scope 3 Carbon Neutrality



Prioritized category of the Meiji Group

*GHG: Greenhouse Gas

Roadmap: Scope 1 and Scope 2



Target

Aim for Scope 1 and Scope 2 Carbon Neutrality

GHG* emissions (compared with FY2019)

FY2030 **50%** reduction 2050 Net **ZETO** achieved





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Roadmap: Scope 1 and Scope 2

The Meiji Group strives to proactively implement initiatives and introduce new technologies to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, outlined in our Long-term Environmental Vision.

FY2019 (base year)		FY2030	FY2040	2050	
	Adopt energy-efficier environmental perfor	t equipment (e.g., optimize product mance, heat pumps, heat recovery/	tion with equipment that features outs /utilization, and artificial intelligence)	tanding	
Scope 1	Switch to low-CO ₂ en	hitting fuel	od chins, methane fermentation, and eug	lena-derived fuel)	
	Purchase renewable energy certificates, utilize emissions trading				
		Use hydrogen fue	el, methanation, etc.		
	- 	Adopt CO₂ recove (Direct Air Captu	ry/reuse ure (DAC) and carbon recycling) equ	uipment, etc.	
			Next-generation ad	vanced technology	
	Adopt energy-efficient equipment (e.g., optimize production with equipment that features outstanding environmental performance, light-emitting diode lighting, and artificial intelligence)				
Scope 2	Purchase renewable energy-derived electricity supported by RE100				
	Adopt solar power generation equipment				
	Ad	opt perovskite solar cell			
	Purchase renewable energy by collaborating with renewable energy operators (e.g., biomass, solar, wind, and geothermal)				

*Green-colored words: new technologies under development

Roadmap: Scope 1 and Scope 2



[Calculation condition] KPI on the renewable energy electricity ratio for FY2030: 50%, CO₂ emission factors of electricity are based on IEA's Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario. Figures approved by the SBT initiative.

* The base year emission figures approved by the SBT initiative exclude vehicle-related CO₂ emissions from FY2019 (Scope 1 and 2).

Supply Chain: Scope 3



The company		Downstream
Scope 1		Scope 3
Direct emissions Direct emissions by the company (eg. fuel combustion)		Other indirect emissions
	Category 9 Downstream transportation and distribution	
Scope 2		
Indirect emissions from the use of electricity, etc. purchased by the company		Category 12 End-of-life treatment of sold products

Breakdown of CO₂ Emissions



The Meiji Group's total CO₂ emissions (FY2020)

CO₂ emissions from the Meiji Group's target Scope 3 categories (FY2020)



Details of Target Categories





Initiatives for Scope 3 Emissions: Category 1





CO₂ reductions in Category 1, which accounts for 77% of Scope 3 emissions

To achieve carbon neutrality, we will actively encourage and collaborate with our suppliers to reduce CO₂ emissions.

We take measures to understand the actual state of major suppliers' CO₂ reduction targets and efforts, and we promote engagement based on that understanding.

Raw milk and dairy ingredients

Initiatives concerning our major materials: raw milk and dairy ingredients

As a member company of the Global Dairy Platform (GDP), a global alliance of players in the dairy industry, we are fully committed to carbon neutrality in line with GDP's "Pathways to Dairy Net Zero," in full cooperation with industry associations and other players, government, and academia.

Meiji Dairy Advisory (MDA), a unique program of the Meiji Group

In MDA, independent Meiji activities for supporting dairy farmer management, GHG* emissions are being reduced by increasing raw milk production.

Research on low-carbon dairy farming and carbon credits, etc.

We have been researching how to develop feedstuffs and dispose manure to suppress methane production.



An Example of MDA Activities: Performed on-site "Improvement Activities" with dairy farmers to check the health condition and feeding behavior of their dairy cows.

Initiatives for Scope 3 Emissions: Category 1

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Cocoa

Participation in Cocoa & Forests Initiative (CFI) and promotion of agroforestry farming

We participate in the Cocoa & Forests Initiative, a global partnership for the protection and restoration of forests, and work with the government of Ghana and related organizations to aid forest conservation. In addition, we are working with cocoa farmers in Tomé-Açu, Brazil, to promote agroforestry farming*, a form of agriculture that creates forests, in our forest conservation work.

In Meiji Cocoa Support, an independent Meiji activity supporting cocoa farmers, we donate wells, distribute free seedlings, and provide guidance on farm management, activities leading to the conservation of forests that will sequester CO₂.

*Agroforestry farming: A combination of the words "agriculture" and "forestry." This is an agricultural method in which a diverse set of agriculture and forestry is cultivated in keeping with the natural ecosystem on land after trees have been harvested. https://www.meiji.com/sustainability/cocoa/forest_protection/ (Japanese version only)



Farm management guidance provided by the Meiji Cocoa Support concerns specific actions, such as climate change-adapted cultivation methods and agriculture that can halt deforestation.



Meiji product made from Brazil' s Tomé-Açu cocoa cultivated by agroforestry farming

Palm oil

Promotion of switch to RSPO-certified palm oil

We are taking action toward 100% replacement to palm oil certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) by FY2023. This helps prevent deforestation, thereby promoting CO₂ capture.

Initiatives for Scope 3 Emissions: Category 4, 9, 12



Reductions of CO₂ emissions from manufacturing, distribution, and disposals of our products

Plastics





25% reduction in plastic usage by FY2030 (compared with FY2017)

By reducing the weight of plastic containers and packaging, we are working to reduce CO₂ emissions during product manufacturing, distribution, and disposal. We are also working with suppliers and others to switch their container and packaging raw materials from fossil fuel-derived plastics to recycled plastics and bioplastics, which have a smaller environmental impact, while still ensuring product quality.

Examples of products using bioplastic mix for containers



Launched switch to a bioplastic mix for containers in 2021

In February 2021, we began blending bioplastics into straws, plastic cups, and other containers and packaging. Furthermore, from July 2022, we will gradually switch to bioplastics for use in the caps of Meiji Oishii Gyunyu and other products. As a result, we aim to reduce CO₂ emissions from containers by approximately 10% to 15%* compared to conventional methods.

*Our CO_2 reduction rate is certified by Carbon Trust.

Paper

100% switching to paper raw materials (used paper, FSC®* and other forest-certified paper) by FY2023

By FY2023, we will switch 100% of product containers and packaging materials to eco-friendly paper raw materials (FSC[®] -certified or other forest certified paper, including recycled paper). This helps prevent deforestation, thereby promoting CO₂ capture.

*FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®): An NPO for global forest management, dissemination, and certification

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The Meiji Group has been proactively engaging in initiatives to eliminate all CO₂ emissions throughout our entire supply chain toward the carbon neutrality. Furthermore, taking these initiatives as opportunities to grow further, the Group endeavors to transform whole socioeconomic system (GX: Green Transformation).

The Meiji Group, as a group of food and health professionals, will continue finding innovative ways to meet our customers' needs toward a healthy future for people, and for the Earth.