

## **Safety of Fermented Alcohol Concerning Gene Recombination**

Crude alcohol (from China), which is made from corn, is one of the raw materials used in the fermented alcohol sold by our company. As there is no Identity Preserved Handling from the place of production of the corn used, we cannot negate the possibility that there may be genetically recombined corn contained within it.

However, in announcements by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, those foodstuffs in which there does not exist recombined DNA, nor the protein substances produced by it, owing to removal and separation in the engineering process, are exempt from obligatory labeling for genetic recombining and the safety of these have been indicated. In the case of fermented alcohol, which is manufactured through a process of fermentation and distillation, we are testing agricultural products from any origin to make sure that the DNA derived from that agricultural product and any proteins produced by it do not remain in the products.