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AEON FOOD SUPPLY Co., Ltd.

**Aeon's Food Manufacturing and Processing Center Becomes  
the First Retail Group Site to Acquire Certification for  
the JFS-E-C Food Safety Management Standard**

**Aeon is committed to offering products with greater safety and security based on the food safety management standard developed in Japan.**

Aeon Food Supply Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, Aeon Food Supply) manufactures and processes perishable and prepared food, and delivers the products to the Aeon Group's stores for sale. Its Nagaizumi Center (in Shizuoka Prefecture), has met the JFS-E-C\* Standard set by the Japan Food Safety Management Association (JFSM) and became the first food processing site of a retail group and the third business site in Japan to receive certification under the standard from the Association.

The JFSM was established in January 2016 led by 18 food-related companies, including Aeon Co., Ltd. and other retailers as well as food manufacturers. Recently, Japanese cuisine (*washoku*) and products made in Japan have been attracting considerable attention from overseas, leading to the growing tendency for relevant Japanese companies to increase exports of their products. In response to the trend, JFSM is conducting initiatives to establish food safety management systems that are easy-to-understand for Japanese food-related companies and that can be applied easily to food products, including unique Japanese products.

The JFS-E-C Standard is managed by the JFSM as a food safety standard developed in Japan. The standard is composed of 57 itemized requirements, including those regarding good manufacturing practice (general hygiene control), hazard control, and food safety management systems, and is intended to be an internationally recognized standard.

Aeon Food Supply's Nagaizumi Center has acquired the JFS-E-C Standard certification, being approved to have established a food safety management system that meets all the requirements of the standard. Aeon will continue to manage food safety to offer products with greater safety and security to customers.

\* Japan Food Safety (JFS)-E-C: "E" refers to the food manufacturing sector while "C" represents the highest level among A- to C-level standards, and is to be applied also to international trade.

**[Acquisition of the Certification]**

Name of the organization: Aeon Food Supply Co., Ltd.

Name of the site: Nagaizumi Center

(Address: 359, Kaminagakubo, Nagaizumi-cho, Sunto-gun, Shizuoka Prefecture; Start of operation: September 2015)

Date of certification: January 19, 2017

Scope of certification: Subdivided packaging of meat; seasoning, processing and packaging of meat; and subdivided packaging of processed meat products

Certification body: JIC Quality Assurance Ltd.



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