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Press Release

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**Notice of Change of Certified Public Accountant, etc.**

Kikkoman, at its audit & supervisory board meeting held on April 28, 2025, resolved to change the accounting auditor, and the Board of Directors of Kikkoman, at its meeting held on the same day, resolved to propose the "Election of an accounting auditor" at the 114th ordinary general meeting of shareholders to be held on June 24, 2025. The following is to inform you of the change of the certified public accountant, etc., who will perform the audit certification as described in Article 193-2 (1) and (2) of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act.

1. Scheduled date of change

June 24, 2025 (Scheduled date of the 114th ordinary general meeting of shareholders)

2. Summary of the certified public accountant, etc. assuming and resigning from the positions

(1) Summary of the certified public accountant, etc. to assume the position of accounting auditor

(i) Name	KPMG AZSA LLC
(ii) Location	AZSA Center Building, 1-2 Tsukudo-cho, Shinjuku-ku. Tokyo
(iii) Name of the engagement employees	Ayumu Nakajima Nobutaka Ozeki
(iv) Registration of auditors of listed companies under the Certified Public Accountants Act	Registered

(2) Summary of the certified public accountant, etc. to resign from the position of accounting auditor

(i) Name	Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC.
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(ii) Location	Hibiya Mitsui Tower, Tokyo Midtown Hibiya 1-1-2 Yuraku-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(iii) Name of the engagement employees	Taku Miyazawa Masayuki Tada

3. Reason for selecting the party listed in 2 (1) above as a candidate for the certified public accountant, etc.

The audit & supervisory board selected KPMG AZSA LLC as a candidate for the position of accounting auditor, taking into consideration the number of consecutive years of auditing performed by the current accounting auditor and the expectation that the appointment of KPMG AZSA LLC would bring a fresh perspective to the audit. The audit & supervisory board also considered that KPMG AZSA LLC is qualified for the position based on its expertise, independence, quality control system, global audit system, and other relevant factors in accordance with the "Criteria for Appointment and Reappointment of the Accounting Auditor" established by the audit & supervisory board.

4. Date of assumption of the accounting auditor's position of the resigning certified public accountant, etc.

May 23, 1996

5. Comments, etc. in audit reports, etc. prepared by the resigning certified public accountant, etc. in the last three years

No relevant matters.

6. Reason and background for the change

The term of Kikkoman's current accounting auditor, Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC, will expire at the end of the 114th ordinary general meeting of shareholders to be held on June 24, 2025. In view of the number of consecutive years of auditing performed by the current accounting auditor, the audit & supervisory board received and reviewed proposals from several auditing firms. As a result, KPMG AZSA LLC is selected as a candidate for the accounting auditor of Kikkoman for the reasons stated in 3 above.

7. Comments on the reasons and background mentioned in 6

(1) Comments from the resigning certified public accountant, etc.

No specific comments were made by the accountant.

(2) Comments from the audit & supervisory board

The audit & supervisory board considers the above decision to be reasonable and in accordance with the review process and results of the audit & supervisory board.

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