

Morinaga Nutritional Foods Details Japan-Based Probiotic Manufacturing Behind Its Human-Residential Bifidobacteria Ingredients

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Morinaga Nutritional Foods, Inc., the US subsidiary of Morinaga Milk Industry Co., Ltd., today published a probiotic manufacturing resource describing where and how Morinaga's Human-Residential Bifidobacteria (HRB) probiotic ingredients are produced. Morinaga Milk Industry develops and manufactures the strains at a dedicated probiotic factory in Japan operating under FSSC 22000 food-safety certification, while Morinaga Nutritional Foods supplies and supports B2B customers across North and Latin America.

The resource is intended for product developers, purchasing teams and quality departments evaluating probiotic ingredient sources for dietary supplements, functional foods and infant nutrition products. According to the company, supplier qualification questionnaires increasingly ask not only which strains a supplier offers but which corporate entity manufactures them, in what facility and under which quality system. The new page answers those questions in one place.

Morinaga Milk Industry, founded in 1917, began its probiotic research in the 1960s and isolated Bifidobacterium longum BB536 in 1969. BB536 remains the company's flagship strain and is joined in the current portfolio by B. breve M-16V, B. infantis M-63, B. breve B-3 and B. breve MCC1274. All five are Human-Residential Bifidobacteria, a group of bifidobacteria naturally associated with the human digestive system. The company also supplies two heat-killed postbiotic ingredients, LAC-Shield and LAC-Living+.

Morinaga's probiotic portfolio is supported by decades of strain-specific scientific research, including human clinical studies investigating applications across digestive health, immune health, infant nutrition, and healthy aging.

"Buyers in the United States often know our strains before they know our structure," said Dominique Ostrander, General Manager of Morinaga Nutritional Foods, Inc. "Morinaga Milk Industry manufactures our probiotic ingredients at a dedicated facility in Japan under FSSC 22000, and Morinaga Nutritional Foods is the company that supplies and supports those ingredients here. Making that relationship explicit shortens the qualification process for our customers."

Depending on the ingredients, Morinaga can provide product-specific information on Halal and Kosher certification, allergen status, and other quality requirements. For audits and supplier-qualification reviews, Morinaga Nutritional Foods coordinates documentation requests with Morinaga Milk Industry's Japan-based quality and technical teams.

The published resource is available on the Morinaga Nutritional Foods website and provides and overview of Morinaga Milk Industry?s probiotic manufacturer capabilities in Japan and MNF?s role as B2B ingredient supplier. It covers the corporate relationship between the two Morinaga entities, the Japan facility and its certification, the strain portfolio and its application areas, and the technical support available to US customers during ingredient selection, stability evaluation and product development. A frequently-asked-questions section addresses where Morinaga probiotics are manufactured, which entity supplies them in the United States and which strains are available.

"Strain-level science is what differentiates a probiotic ingredient, and that science is inseparable from the manufacturing behind it," Ostrander said. "Customers who visit a Morinaga facility or review our FSSC 22000 documentation are seeing the same organization that isolated BB536 more than five decades ago."

Morinaga Nutritional Foods works with US customers on ingredient selection, technical and scientific information, supplier qualification and product development across dietary supplement, functional food and infant nutrition applications. Companies evaluating probiotic ingredients can contact Morinaga Nutritional Foods, Inc. [link: /contact-us/] through the company website.

About Morinaga Nutritional Foods, Inc.

Morinaga Nutritional Foods, Inc. is the wholly owned United States subsidiary of Morinaga Milk Industry Co., Ltd., a Japanese dairy and nutrition company founded in 1917. Established in 1985 and based in Torrance, California, Morinaga Nutritional Foods supplies Morinaga's clinically researched probiotic strains, B. longum BB536, B. breve M-16V, B. infantis M-63, B. breve B-3 and B. breve MCC1274, and the LAC-Shield and LAC-Living+ postbiotic ingredients to supplement, food and infant nutrition manufacturers in the United States. Morinaga Milk Industry develops and manufactures these ingredients at a dedicated probiotic facility in Japan under FSSC 22000 certification. Learn more at https://morinagaprobiotics-usa.com/.

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