Table 1. Sources of processed/manufactured free glutamic acid* **

Names of ingredients that always contain processed free glutamic acid:

Glutamic acid (E 620), Glutamate (E 620)

Monosodium glutamate (E 621) Monopotassium glutamate (E 622)

Calcium glutamate (E 623)

Monoammonium glutamate (E 624)

Magnesium glutamate (E 625)

Natrium glutamate Anything "hydrolyzed"

Any "hydrolyzed protein"

Calcium caseinate, Sodium caseinate

Yeast extract

Yeast food, Yeast nutrient

Torula yeast Autolyzed yeast

Gelatin

Textured protein Whey protein

Whey protein concentrate Whey protein isolate

Soy protein

Soy protein concentrate

Soy protein isolate Anything "protein"

Anything "protein fortified"

Soy sauce

Soy sauce extract

Protease

Anything "enzyme modified" Anything containing "enzymes"

Anything "fermented"

Vetsin Ajinomoto Umami

Zinc proteninate

Names of ingredients that often contain or produce processed free glutamic acid:

Carrageenan (E 407) Bouillon and broth

Stock

Any "flavors" or "flavoring"

Natural flavor Maltodextrin Oligodextrin

Citric acid, Citrate (E 330)

Anything "ultra-pasteurized"

Barley malt Malted barley Brewer's yeast Pectin (E 440) Malt extract Seasonings The following are ingredients suspected of containing or creating sufficient processed free glutamic acid to serve as MSG-reaction triggers in HIGHLY SENSITIVE people:

Corn starch Corn syrup

Modified food starch Lipolyzed butter fat

Dextrose Rice syrup Brown rice syrup Milk powder

Reduced fat milk (skim; 1%;

2%)

most things low fat or no fat

anything Enriched anything Vitamin enriched

anything vitamin emich anything pasteurized

Annatto Vinegar

Balsamic vinegar

Certain amino acid chelates:

Citrate, aspartate, and glutamate are used as

chelating agents with mineral

supplements

(1) E numbers are use in Europe in place of food additive names.

(Not all glutamate-containing ingredients are classified as

additives)

The following work synergistically with glutamate to enhance flavor. If they are present for flavoring, so is processed free glutamate

Disodium 5'-guanylate (E 627) Disodium 5'-inosinate (E-631) Disodium 5'-ribonucleotides (E 635)

*Glutamic acid found in unadulterated protein does not cause brain damage, endocrine disorders, or adverse reactions. To cause adverse events, glutamic acid must have been processed /manufactured or come from protein that has been fermented.

**Compiled by A. Samuels over the last 30 years from consumer reports and information provided by manufacturers and food technologists