Claims

1. A body taste-imparting agent for a food, comprising one or two or more peptides selected from the group consisting of a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X (X is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tyr, Ala, Asp, Asn, Arg, His, Ile, Leu, Phe and Ser, the same shall apply hereinafter), a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X, and a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X, or a salt thereof, as an active ingredient.

2. A body taste-imparting agent for a food, comprising one or two or more peptides selected from the group consisting of a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X (X is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tyr, Ala, Glu, Gln, Asp, Asn, Arg, His, Ile, Leu, Phe, Ser and Val, the same shall apply hereinafter), and a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X, or a salt thereof, as an active ingredient.

3. The body taste-imparting agent for a food according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the X is Tyr or Arg.

4. A method for producing a food, comprising adding one or two or more peptides selected from the group consisting

of a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X (X is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tyr, Ala, Asp, Asn, Arg, His, Ile, Leu, Phe and Ser, the same shall apply hereinafter), a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X, and a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X, or a salt thereof, to a food or a raw material of the food, wherein a body taste is imparted to the food.

5. A method for producing a food, comprising adding one or two or more peptides selected from the group consisting of a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X (X is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tyr, Ala, Glu, Gln, Asp, Asn, Arg, His, Ile, Leu, Phe, Ser and Val, the same shall apply hereinafter), and a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X, or a salt thereof, to a food or a raw material of the food, wherein a body taste is imparted to the food.

6. The method for producing a food according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the X is Tyr or Arg.

7. A method for imparting a body taste to a food, comprising adding one or two or more peptides selected from the group consisting of a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X (X is an amino acid selected from the group

consisting of Tyr, Ala, Asp, Asn, Arg, His, Ile, Leu, Phe and Ser, the same shall apply hereinafter), a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X, and a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X, or a salt thereof, to a food or a raw material of the food.

8. A method for imparting a body taste to a food, comprising adding one or two or more peptides selected from the group consisting of a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X (X is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tyr, Ala, Glu, Gln, Asp, Asn, Arg, His, Ile, Leu, Phe, Ser and Val, the same shall apply hereinafter), and a peptide consisting of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X, or a salt thereof, to a food or a raw material of the food.

9. The method for imparting a body taste to a food according to claim 7 or 8, wherein the X is Tyr or Arg.

10. A peptide consisting of a sequence of $(\gamma\text{-Glu})_n$-X (n is 3 or 4, X is an amino acid or amino acid derivative), or a salt thereof, wherein X is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tyr, Ala, Glu, Gln, Asp, Asn, Arg, His, Ile, Leu, Phe, Ser and Val.

11. A peptide consisting of a sequence of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-

Glu-X (X is an amino acid or amino acid derivative), or a salt thereof, wherein X is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tyr, Ala, Glu, Gln, Asp, Asn, Arg, His, Ile, Leu, Phe, Ser and Val.

12. A peptide consisting of a sequence of γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-γ-Glu-X (X is an amino acid or amino acid derivative), or a salt thereof, wherein X is an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tyr, Ala, Glu, Gln, Asp, Asn, Arg, His, Ile, Leu, Phe, Ser and Val.

13. The peptide or salt thereof according to any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein X is Tyr or Arg.