

## EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of Japan.

<b>Title</b>	Regional Standard for Soybean Products Fermented with <i>Bacillus</i> Species
<b>Committee</b>	FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (CCASIA)
<b>Session</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Session
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	Japan
<b>Working Languages</b>	English
<b>Description of work</b>	CCASIA21 agreed to establish an EWG chaired by Japan, working in English, subject to the approval of the new work, to prepare the proposed draft standard for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration at CCASIA22.
<b>Timetable for work</b>	The tentative timetable for the work is as follows: <b>31 August 2020</b> - Due date for answer to the invitation and establish EWG members. <b>September 2020</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> draft of Proposed draft posted on the Forum for EWG comments. <b>December 2020</b> - Closing date for EWG comments. <b>March 2021</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> draft of Proposed draft posted on the Forum for EWG comments. <b>May 2021</b> - Closing date for EWG comments. <b>June 2021</b> – EWG Report and Draft Regional Standard submitted to CCASIA22
<b>Email for registration</b>	<a href="mailto:food_manufacture.codex@maff.go.jp">food_manufacture.codex@maff.go.jp</a>
<b>Registration deadline</b>	31 August 2020
<b>EWG online platform</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this Electronic Working Group. When there is more than one expert, each country or observer organization shall designate **one** as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Applications should be sent through the Codex Contact Point (CCP) of the member or recognized observer organization in an email detailing:

- participant's name
- official title or position
- organization or country
- email address.

### The EWG platform

Link: <http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php>

Usergroup name: CCASIA- Soybean Products2020

The platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform should first register. ([online guide](#), [video tutorial](#))

Those participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the usergroup directly.

The EWG chair will give participants access to the group online once they have verified their credentials so please ensure that you follow the procedure for applications and email the chair through your CCP even if you are already registered on the platform.

### Programme and timeline

The work programme and timelines will be circulated to members of the EWG soon after its establishment.

We look forward to your participation.

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