

EWG Invitation to participate in the electronic Working Group (EWG) on Alignment to the 53rd session of the CCFA

This message is sent on behalf of Australia, United States and Japan.

Title EWG on the Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA
Committee Codex Committee on Food Additives
Session 53rd Session
Chair of EWG Australia
Co-Chairs USA and Japan
Working Languages English
Description of work The CCFA52 agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by Australia and co-chaired by the United States of America and Japan, and working in English only, to consider:

a) re-circulating for a third time the alignment of the following milk and milk products commodity standards which were circulated twice for comments in 2020: CXS 207-1999; CXS 243-2003; CXS 253-2006; CXS 262-2006; CXS 281-1971; CXS 282-1971; CXS 288-1976; CXS 290-1995 and CXS 331-2017;

b) investigating the development and implementation issues associated with establishing Table 3 notes in the GSFA, in consultation with the Codex Secretariat;

c) whether the information in the Procedural Manual is sufficient or if amendments are required to ensure future divergence does not occur, taking into account the Guideline Document on Avoiding Future Divergence of Food Additive Provisions in the GSFA with Commodity Standards;

d) CCPFV food additives provisions to resolve the technical issues identified by the VWG in their consideration of endorsement, specifically for: Standard for Mango Chutney; Standard for Gochujang; and Standard for Chilli Sauce;

e) the alignment of the following CCFVSDU commodity standards: CXS 72-1981; CXS73-1981; CXS 74-1981; CXS 156-1987; CXS 181-1991; CXS 203-1995; and the Guideline for the Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF); and

f) alignment for the regional standards: CCAFRICA (CXS 325R-2017); CCEURO (CXS 40R-1981).

Timetable for work (indicative only)

7 January 2022	Participants register for EWG
25 February 2022	First draft documents sent for comment
15 April 2022	Comments due on first drafts
3 June 2022	Second draft documents sent for comment
15 July 2022	Comments due on second drafts
9 September 2022	Third draft documents sent for comment
21 October 2022	Comments due on third drafts
25 November 2022	Final papers to Codex Secretariat

Email for registration international@foodstandards.gov.au

Registration deadline 25 February 2022

EWG online platform No

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.

Full and constructive participation by Codex members/observers will enable the EWG to make well considered and constructive recommendations to the 53rd session of the CCFA.

We look forward to your participation.

Kind Regards

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Leader of the Australian delegation to the CCFA