

EWG Invitation

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	51 st Session
Chair of EWG	Australia
Co-Chairs	USA and Japan
Working Languages	English
Description of work	The CCFA50 agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by Australia and co-chaired by the United States of America and Japan, to consider:

- i. the alignment of the following commodity Standards listed in the forward workplan for which there was no active commodity committee: CXS 12-1987, CXS 212-1999 (CCS), CXS 152-1985, CXS 202-1995, CXS 249-2006 (CCCPL), CXS 108-1981, CXS 227-2001 (CCNMW), CXS 163-1987, CXS 174-1989, CXS 175-1989 (CCVP);
- ii. the alignment, with the assistance of IDF, of the following ripened-cheese commodity Standards: CXS 263-2007, CXS 264-2007, CXS 265-2007, CXS 266-2007, CXS 267-2007, CXS 268-2007, CXS 269-2007, CXS 270-2007, CXS 271-2007, CXS 272-2007, CXS 274-2007, CXS 276-2007 and CXS 277-2007;
- iii. the addition of a footnote to the Table entitled "References to Commodity Standard for GSFA Table 3 Additives" to read: "This Section only lists Commodity Standards where the corresponding GSFA Food Category is not listed in the Annex to Table 3. Provisions for the use of specific Table 3 additives in Commodity Standards where the corresponding GSFA Food Category is listed in the Annex to Table 3 can be found in the corresponding Food Categories in Tables 1 and 2."; and
- iv. the proposed revisions to the adopted provisions contained in CRD 2 Annex 4 Part C i.e. the deletion of Note 15 in Food Categories 13.1.1, 13.1.2 and 13.1.3 for ascorbyl palmitate (INS 304) and ascorbyl stearate (INS 305).

Timetable for work (indicative only)

22 June 2018	Participants register for EWG
30 July 2018	First draft document sent for comment
27 August 2018	Comments due on first draft
24 September 2018	Second draft document sent for comment
29 October 2018	Comments due on second draft
26 November 2018	Final paper to Codex Secretariat

Email for registration international@foodstandards.gov.au

Registration deadline 22 June 2018

EWG online platform Yes

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: CCFA - Alignment

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 will be circulated to members of the EWG soon after its establishment.

We look forward to your participation.

Kind Regards

Steve Crossley
Chair of the EWG on Alignment
Leader of the Australian delegation to the CCFA.