

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (CCFA)

Kick-off message for the Electronic Working Group (EWG) on note 161 relating to the use of sweeteners

The 50th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA), held in Xiamen, China, on 26 – 30 March 2018, agreed to convene an EWG co-chaired by the European Union and the United States of America with the following Terms of Reference (REP 18/FA, para. 142):

To develop wording for an alternative to Note 161 relating to the use of sweeteners consistent with Section 3.2 of the Preamble to the GSFA and the Statement of Principles in the Procedural Manual to address concerns of those Codex Members requiring significant energy reduction or food with no added sugars when sweeteners were used and those Codex Members requiring flexibility in the use of sweeteners; and, subject to agreement on the wording of an alternative, review CXFA 15/47/13, in particular recommendations 1 to 6, in the context of pending and adopted provisions.

The EWG is open to all Codex members and observers. It will work in English only.

The timetable envisaged for the work of this EWG is as follows:

31 July 2018	First circular for EWG member comments
1 September 2018	Deadline for submission of comments
1 October 2018	Second circular for EWG member comments
31 October 2018	Deadline for submission of comments
15 November 2018	Third circular for EWG member comments
30 November 2018	Deadline for submission of comments
20 December 2018	Submission to the Codex Secretariat of the discussion paper for the 51 st CCFA

As Chair, the European Union invites Codex members and observers interested in participating in this EWG to provide the name(s), official title and e-mail address of their representatives to the EU Codex Contact Point (Sante-Codex@ec.europa.eu) as well as to the Codex Contact Point of the United States (ccfa@cfsan.fda.gov) by **16 July 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

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