



EWG Invitation

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE (CCFH)

Invitation to participate in the electronic working group (EWG) on the development of annexes 2 and 4 to the proposed draft guidelines for the control of Shiga toxin producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts

This message is sent on behalf of Chile, the United States of America, New Zealand, and Kenya

Title	GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL OF SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING ESCHERICHIA COLI (STEC) IN RAW BEEF, FRESH LEAFY VEGETABLES, RAW MILK AND RAW MILK CHEESES, AND SPROUTS – Annexes 2 and 4
Committee	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)
Session	53 rd Session
Chair of EWG	Chile
Co-Chairs	United States of America, New Zealand, and Kenya
Working Languages	English
Description of work	<p>CCFH 53 agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by Chile and co-chaired by New Zealand, Kenya and the United States of America, and working in English (and noting that comments would also be accepted in Spanish), to:</p> <p>a. further develops the annex on fresh leafy produce using CRD13 as a basis and taking into consideration the general section of the guidance as agreed at CCFH53;</p> <p>b. continues the development of the annex on sprouts describing interventions relevant to control STEC, taking into consideration the written comments that were submitted through the Online Commenting System (OCS) in response to the CL 2022/56-FH, and CRDs submitted at CCFH53, as well as the general section of the guidance as agreed at CCFH53 (REP23/FH para. 75)</p>
Timetable for work	<p>The tentative timetable for the work is as follows:</p> <p>February 15th 2023– Due date for answer to the invitation and register EWG members. November 30th 2023 — Report of the EWG together with the annexes submitted to Codex Secretariat.</p> <p>With the following dates for the Fresh Leafy vegetables, and Sprout Annexes: <u>First consultation round:</u></p> <p>March 15th, 2023 – Draft of annexes posted on the Forum for EWG comments April 30th, 2023 – Deadline for comments on draft annexes</p> <p><u>Second consultation round:</u></p> <p>June 1st, 2023 – Draft of annexes posted on the Forum for EWG comments September 1st, 2023 – Deadline for comments on draft annexes</p>
Email for registration	constanza.vergara@achipia.gob.cl
Registration deadline	February 15 th 2023
EWG online platform	Yes x 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: CCFH – STEC 2023

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

The EWG chair will give participants access to the usergroup 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. Once your CCP has sent your application you can request to join the EWG usergroup directly on the platform. You do not need to create a new registration if you have previously used the platform.

Technical support

For all technical assistance regarding the platform please contact the platform administrator (Codex Secretariat) using the Contact link on the platform homepage or via codex@fao.org.

We look forward to your participation.

Greetings!

Constanza Vergara – Chile

Ben Warren, Eric Stevens, Annemarie Buchholz, and William Shaw – USA

Roger Cook and Marion Castle – New Zealand

George Abong - Kenya