

## Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)

This message is sent on behalf of **New Zealand**.

<b>Title</b>	Establishment of maximum levels for methylmercury in additional fish species
<b>Committee</b>	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)
<b>Session</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	New Zealand
<b>Co-chair</b>	Canada
<b>Working Language</b>	English
<b>Description of work</b>	<p>The EWG should prepare a discussion paper based on additional / new data to be submitted to GEMS/Food to consider whether it is feasible to proceed with establishment of MLs for methylmercury in additional fish species.</p> <p>The paper should clearly identify the fish species for which MLs should be established and should also consider issues related to sampling plans for methylmercury in fish.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The JECFA Secretariat has issued a call for data for methylmercury and total mercury in additional fish species which is available at: <a href="http://www.who.int/foodsafety/call-data/en/">http://www.who.int/foodsafety/call-data/en/</a> <a href="http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/">http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/</a></p> <p>Member countries are encouraged to submit data to GEMS/Foods to assist in the development of proposals for MLs for consideration at CCCF14 (2020).</p>
<b>Timetable for work</b>	The discussion paper should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for distribution and consideration by CCCF14 by not later than <b>15 February 2020</b>
<b>Email for registration</b>	<a href="mailto:codexnz@mpi.govt.nz">codexnz@mpi.govt.nz</a> with a copy to <a href="mailto:andrew.pearson@mpi.govt.nz">andrew.pearson@mpi.govt.nz</a>
<b>Registration deadline</b>	<b>31 August 2019</b>
<b>EWG online platform</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this EWG.

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>

User-Group name: **CCCF14: MLs MethylMercury Fish**

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 user-group 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.

### Program and timeline

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

We look forward to your participation.

EWG Chair and Codex Contact Point (New Zealand)

Co-Chair and Codex Contact Point (Canada)