

## CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT & EXPORT INSPECTION & CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

### EWG Invitation

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

<b>Title</b>	Guidelines on recognition and maintenance of equivalence of National Food Control Systems (NFCS)
<b>Committee</b>	Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)
<b>Session</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	New Zealand
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	United States of America and Chile
<b>Working Languages</b>	English
<b>Description of work</b>	Revise the draft guidelines based on discussions at CCFICS24
<b>Timetable for work</b>	Completion for consideration at CCFICS25
<b>Email for registration</b>	<a href="mailto:CodexNZ@mpi.govt.nz">CodexNZ@mpi.govt.nz</a>
<b>Registration deadline</b>	21 January 2019
<b>EWG online platform</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: **CCFICS-NFCS**

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

We look forward to your participation.

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