

Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)

This message is sent on behalf of Kenya.

Title	Definition of animal tissues to facilitate the establishment of maximum residue limits (MRLs) for compounds with dual uses (i.e. pesticides and veterinary drugs)
Committee	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs
Session	24 th
Chair of EWG	Kenya
Co-Chair	New Zealand
Working Languages	English
Description of work	<p>CCRVD24 agreed that the EWG will coordinate with the EWG on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed established by the 50th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) to elaborate a definition for edible offal and for any other animal tissues of relevance, for the purpose of harmonization and the elaboration of MRLs.</p> <p>CCEXEC75 (2018)¹ made a joint recommendation to the CCPR/EWG on the revision of the Classification and the CCRVDF/EWG on the definition of edible animal tissues that both EWGs work closely on the definition of edible animal tissues to develop a harmonized definition that would facilitate the establishment of MRLs for pesticides and veterinary drugs.</p> <p>This recommendation follows the recommendation of CCEXEC73 (2017)² on closer cooperation between CCPR and CCRVDF on issues of mutual interest for compounds used as both pesticides and veterinary drugs and exploration of innovative ways to foster such collaboration as well as the discussions and decisions of CCPR50 (2018)³ and CCRVDF24 (2018)⁴ in this regard.</p>
Timetable for work	The discussion paper should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for distribution and consideration by not later than two months in advance CCRVDF25
Email for registration	aazegele@kilimo.go.ke with a copy to info@kebs.org and codexnz@mpi.govt.nz
Registration deadline	31 August 2018
EWG online platform	Yes X No <input type="checkbox"/>

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>

UserGroup name: **CCRVDF-EdibleAnimalTissueDefinitions**

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.

Allan Azegele, Kenya (Chair)

Warren Hughes, New Zealand (Vice-Chair)

¹ REP18/EXEC1, paragraphs 27-28

² REP17/EXEC2, paragraph 19

³ REP18/PR, paragraphs 9 and 152

⁴ REP18/RVDF paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 95