



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEx COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

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On 10 and 11 April 2026, two physical working groups (PWGs) meetings will be held at the same venue as follows:

- i) the *General standard for food additives*, Friday 10 April (09.00–18.00) and Saturday 11 April (09.00–12.30); and
- ii) endorsement/alignment of the food additive provisions, Saturday 11 April (14.30–18.00).

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda item	Subject matter	Document ¹
1	Adoption of the agenda	CX/FA 26/56/1
2	Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other subsidiary bodies	CX/FA 26/56/2
3(a)	Matters of interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 100th meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)	CX/FA 26/56/3
3(b)	Proposed draft specifications for the identity and purity of food additives arising from the 100th JECFA meeting	CX/FA 26/56/4
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 26/56/4 Add.1
4(a)	Endorsement and/or revision of maximum levels for food additives and processing aids in Codex standards	CX/FA 26/56/5
4(b)	Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards: Report of the Electronic Working Group on Alignment	CX/FA 26/56/6
5(a)	<i>General standard for food additives</i> (GSFA) (CXS 192-1995): Report of the Electronic Working Group on the GSFA	CX/FA 26/56/7
5(b)	GSFA: Proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions (replies to CL 2025/31-FA)	CX/FA 26/56/8
6	Proposed draft revision to the <i>Class names and the international numbering system for food additives</i> (CXG 36-1989)	CX/FA 26/56/9
	- Comments at Step 3	CX/FA 26/56/9 Add.1
7	Proposals for additions and changes to the priority list of substances proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2025/32-FA)	CX/FA 26/56/10
8	Standard for baker's yeast (Step 4)	CX/FA 26/56/11

¹ Please note that there will be no distribution of working documents through the Codex mailing list (Codex-L). Only the invitation and the provisional agenda will be distributed to Members and Observers. All working documents, and any subsequent new documents not referenced on this provisional agenda, including any other information for delegates, will be published on the Codex website as they become available. Check the Codex website for regular updates on the status of working documents and other logistic information related to this meeting. Website meeting page – CCFA56.

Agenda item	Subject matter	Document¹
9	Draft working practices for the development of GSFA food additive provisions relevant to commodity standards and related templates	CX/FA 26/56/12
10	Discussion paper on the development of a guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of cell culture media components used in the production of cell-based foods	CX/FA 26/56/13
11	Discussion paper on the future work for CCFA	CX/FA 26/56/14
12	Other business and future work	
13	Date and place of next session	
14	Adoption of the draft report	

INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Information document to the discussion on the GSFA	FA/56 INF/01
Information document on food additive provisions in commodity standards	FA/56 INF/02
Information document/table on INS for deleted and re-used numbers	FA/56 INF/03

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda item 4: The documents listed under Agenda item 4(a) and 4(b) will form the basis for the discussion of the PWG on the Endorsement/Alignment. The report of the PWG will be made available as CRD03 at the meeting and will be considered under these items.

Agenda item 5: The documents listed under Agenda item 5(a) and 5(b) will form the basis for the discussion of the PWG on the GSFA. The report of the PWG will be made available as CRD02 at the meeting and will be considered under these items.