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Webinar series
 **25 March 2021**
13:00 to 15:00 CET

 Simultaneous interpretation
in English, French and Spanish

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS)

Voluntary Third-Party Assurance Programmes

Objective

To provide an update on the status of work taking place in CCFICS on the Draft Principles and Guidelines for the Assessment and Use of Voluntary Third-Party Assurance Programmes (vTPA).

With the last CCFICS session having been held in October 2018, this webinar will serve to remind participants of the history and progress of this work in CCFICS and provide insight into recent discussions held in the electronic working groups (EWG), in order to enable efficient use of time and facilitate discussions during the plenary session at CCFICS25. Participants will gain insight on particular issues that arose during the progress of this document and how consensus was achieved in previous meetings and EWGs. The co-chairs of the EWG will also provide an overview of the current state of play, describing the comments from the latest EWG and highlighting any outstanding issues for particular consideration at CCFICS25.

The webinar will also be an opportunity to engage with the co-chairs of the EWG, learn more about the topic, and participate in a live feedback and questions.



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PROGRAMME

PART 1

Welcome & Introduction

Australia
CCFICS Chairperson
Fran Freeman

Background

UK
Codex Vice-chairperson
Steve Wearne

PART 2

Progress of Work

UK
vTPA EWG Chairperson
Mike O'Neill

EWG Analysis and Conclusions

vTPA EWG co-chairpersons
Jorge Vela Díaz, Mexico
Reem Barakat, Canada
Mike O'Neill, United Kingdom

Feedback and questions

Webinar participants

PART 3

Next Steps

Mike O'Neill / Fran Freeman

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