Electronic Working Group Invitation

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

Title: Guidelines for the Control of Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC) in Raw Beef, Fresh Leafy Vegetables, Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses, and Sprouts

Committee: Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

Session establishing the EWG: 52nd Session

Chair of EWG: Chile

Co-Chairs: France, New Zealand and the United States of America

Working Languages: English

Description of work: CCFH52 agreed to establish an EWG to:

a. update the General Section and the Annexes on Raw Beef, Fresh Leafy Vegetables, and Raw Milk and Raw Milk Cheeses, taking into consideration the written comments that were submitted through the Online Commenting System (OCS) in response to the CL 2021/63-FH, and CRDs submitted at CCFH52, as well as the virtual working group (CRD5) and plenary session discussions at CCFH52;

b. draft an annex on Sprouts describing interventions relevant to control of STEC; and

c. review the relevant JEMRA reports with respect to control of STEC in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts and incorporate appropriate interventions and other changes into the annexes and general part as appropriate;

Timetable for work:

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<td>EWG report and revised guidelines submitted to the codex Secretariat</td>
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Email for registration: constanza.vergara@achipia.gob.cl

Registration deadline: April 30, 2022

EWG online platform: Yes
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


**Usergroup name: CCFH-STEC2022**

The platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform should first register. ([online guide](http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php), [video tutorial](http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php))

The EWG chair will give participants access to the usergroup 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. Once your CCP has sent your application you can request to join the EWG usergroup directly on the platform. You do not need to create a new registration if you have previously used the platform.

**Technical support**

For all technical assistance regarding the platform please contact the platform administrator (Codex Secretariat) using the Contact link on the platform homepage or via [codex@fao.org](mailto:codex@fao.org).

**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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Chair eWG  
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