

EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of Canada, the United States of America and Japan.

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| Title | EWG on the Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA |
| Committee | Codex Committee on Food Additives |
| Session | 53 rd Session |
| Chair of EWG | Canada |
| Co-Chairs | United States of America and Japan |
| Working Languages | English |
| Description of work | CCFA53 agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by Canada and co-chaired by the USA and Japan, and working in English only, to: |

- a. re-circulate the alignment of the following milk and milk products commodity standards: CXS 243-2003; CXS 288-1976;
- b. initiate development and maintenance of Table 3 notes in the GSFA, in consultation with the Codex Secretariat, until implementation into the GSFA database is achieved;
- c. verify if the Standard for Processed Tomato Concentrates (CXS 57-1981) have been aligned, and if so to verify that the provisions in the corresponding FCs in Table 1 & 2 accurately reflect the alignment (Recommendation 21 from CCFA53 CRD2 Rev.2);
- d. alignment of the following CCPFV commodity standards: CXS 66-1981, CXS 260-2007, CXS 320-2015 (ref. Brought forward from Workplan); and
- e. alignment for the regional standards: CXS 308R-2011, CXS 313R-2013, CXS 314R-2013, CXS 323R-2017, CXS 324R-2017; (ref. Brought forward from Workplan).

Timetable for work (indicative only)

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| June 5, 2023 | Participants register for the EWG |
| July 7, 2023 | First draft documents sent for comment |
| Aug 18, 2023 | Comments due on first drafts |
| Sept 22, 2023 | Second draft documents sent for comment |
| Oct 20, 2023 | Comments due on second drafts |
| Nov 20, 2023 | Third draft documents sent (if necessary) for comment |
| Dec 15, 2023 | Comments due on third drafts (if applicable) |
| 21 Jan 2024 | Final papers to Codex Secretariat |

Email for registration Codex_Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca

Registration deadline June 5, 2023

EWG online platform Yes No

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.

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.

EWG Chair and Codex Contact Point (Canada)

EWG Co-chairs and Codex Contact Points (USA and Japan)