

Electronic Working Group (EWG) Invitation

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

Title	Electronic Working Group on the Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the <i>General Standard for Food Additives</i> (GSFA) (CXS 192-1995)
Committee	Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)
Session	55th session
Chair of EWG	Canada
Co-chairs of EWG	Japan and the United States of America
Working Languages	English
Description of work	<p>See REP25/FA, para. 74</p> <p>To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Align the CCAFRICA regional standards: <i>Regional standard for fermented cooked cassava-based products</i> (Africa) (CXS 334R-2020), <i>Regional standard for fresh leaves of Gnetum spp.</i> (Africa) (CXS 335R-2020), <i>Regional standard for dried meat</i> (Africa) (CXS 350R-2022). (ii) Align the CCLAC regional standards: <i>Regional standard for Culantro coyote</i> (Latin America and the Caribbean) (CXS 304R-2011), <i>Regional standard for lucuma</i> (Latin America and the Caribbean) (CXS 305R-2011). (iii) Align the CCNASWP regional standards: <i>Regional standard for kava products for use as a beverage when mixed with water</i> (North America and South West Pacific) (CXS 336R-2020), <i>Regional standard for fermented noni fruit juice</i> (North America and South West Pacific) (CXS 356R-2023). (iv) Align the CCCPC commodity standard: <i>Standard for cocoa butter</i> (CXS 86-1981). (v) Align the CCFFP commodity standard: <i>Standard for quick frozen raw squid</i> (CXS 191-1996), <i>Standard for live and raw bivalve molluscs</i> (CXS 292-1995), <i>Standard for live abalone and for raw fresh chilled or frozen abalone for direct consumption or for further processing</i> (CXS 312-2013). (vi) Align the CCPFV commodity standard: <i>General standard for fruit juices and nectars</i> (CXS 247-2005). (vii) In collaboration with the Codex Secretariat and based on the functionality of the new GSFA database, to develop a stepwise approach for Table 3 Notes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deleting provisions for Table 3 additives in FCs not listed in the annex to Table 3 but included in Tables 1 and 2; and • Revising the fifth column of Table 3 Notes.
Timetable	It is intended to finalise the EWG report by January 2026.
Email for registration	<p>To: ccfa.alignment-alignement.ccfa@hc-sc.gc.ca</p> <p>CC: codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca</p>
Registration deadline	COB June 20, 2025
EWG online platform	No

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.

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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