

## CODEX COMMITTEE ON CEREALS, PULSES, AND LEGUMES

### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR QUINOA

Dear Codex Members and Observers:

The 38<sup>th</sup> Session (July 2015) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission approved new work on an international Standard for Quinoa and agreed to reactivate the Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses, and Legumes (CCCPL) to work by correspondence within the time frame allocated to the completion of the standard as presented in the Project Document (CX/CAC 15/38/6 Add. 1).

The Commission also agreed to establish an electronic working group (eWG), chaired by the Plurinational State of Bolivia and co-chaired by the United States, working in English and Spanish, to proceed with the development of the initial draft. The Commission further agreed to limit the work of CCCPL to the development of the Standard for Quinoa and after completion of such work it should be adjourned *sine die*.

The Plurinational State of Bolivia and the United States kindly invite all interested Codex members and observers to assist in this task.

Please submit the name, affiliation, contact details and e-mail address of the contact person designated to participate in this working group by **January 15, 2016**, to: [marisolmnina7@gmail.com](mailto:marisolmnina7@gmail.com) / [marisol.mamani@ciq.org.bo](mailto:marisol.mamani@ciq.org.bo) (Chair of the eWG); [roxana.llano@ibnorca.org](mailto:roxana.llano@ibnorca.org) and [henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov) with copy to: [nataliafloresb-123@hotmail.com](mailto:nataliafloresb-123@hotmail.com); [thania@sindanorganic.com.bo](mailto:thania@sindanorganic.com.bo); and [kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.lowery@fsis.usda.gov).

Codex members and observers wishing to participate in this eWG should send their nominations as indicated above. Applications should be sent through or with a copy to the Codex Contact Point of the member country or recognized observer organization.

Information to be provided to the eWG and the working timeframe will be notified to all the participants once we have received requests for participation.

As part of a pilot programme the eWG will be run over an online bulletin board. With this system we hope to achieve a better flow of information, greater security and increased transparency.

The bulletin board will require you to login. You will be provided with the link once participant credentials have been verified.

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