

Electronic Working Group (EWG) Invitation

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

Title of the EWG	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)
Established by	CCFA56 (2026)
Chair of EWG	Canada
Co-Chairs	Japan and the United States of America
Working Languages	English
Description of work	See REP26/FA, para. To establish an EWG, chaired by Canada and co-chaired by the United States of America and Japan, and working in English only, to: - complete the alignment of the <i>Regional standard for mixed zaatar</i> (Near East) (CXS 341R2020); - develop recommendations on the migration of Table 3 additives—those related to commodity standards that have been previously aligned and which are currently in Tables 1 and 2—into Table 3 and develop appropriate Notes and propose consequential amendments to the provisions in Tables 1 and 2 of the GSFA. - verify the correspondence of the foods subsumed by the remaining commodity standards slated for alignment and the FCs of the GSFA, including those remaining standards for Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU), Codex Committee on Cereals, Pulses and Legumes (CCCPL), Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) and CCPFV as set out in the information document Guidance to Commodity Committees on the Alignment of Food Additive Provisions; and, - conduct an analysis on the provisions in the GSFA related to the CCFFP standards, to determine if any corrective actions are needed.
Timetable for work	It is intended to finalise the EWG report by January 2027.
Email for registration	To: ccfa.alignment-alignment.ccfa@hc-sc.gc.ca CC: codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca
Registration deadline	COB August 14, 2026
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

Link: <http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php>

Usergroup name: **CCFA56 EWG Alignment (2026)**

The platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform should first register. ([online guide](#), [video tutorial](#))

Those participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the usergroup directly.

The EWG chair will give participants access to the group 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.

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.

Canada