

EWG Invitation

Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)

This message is sent on behalf of Singapore, China, Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia

Title	EWG on the development of a guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of cell culture media components used in the production of cell-based foods
Committee	Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)
Session	55 th
Chair of EWG	Singapore
Co-Chairs	China, Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia
Working Languages	English
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To revise the draft project document on the development of a guideline for the conduct of food safety assessment of cell culture media components used in production of cell-based food for consideration on the agenda of CCFA56.• To develop a categorization framework for cell culture media components and the corresponding evidence needed for safety assessment in each category.• To determine specific areas requiring FAO and WHO scientific advice for the purpose of developing risk assessment frameworks for cell culture media components.

Timetable for work

Date	Details (Submission of discussion paper)
12 May 2025	Circulation of invitation to participate in EWG
6 Jun 2025	Deadline to register in EWG
9 Jun 2025	Welcome message with proposed timetable for the work programme circulated to EWG participants First round of comments
18 Jul 2025	Deadline for first round of comments
11 Aug 2025	Second round of comments
19 Sep 2025	Deadline for second round of comments
20 Oct 2025	Third round of comments
14 Nov 2025	Deadline for third round of comments
12 Dec 2025	Final draft of project document and Chair's report
13-17 Apr 2026	CCFA56

Email for registration SFA_Codex@sfa.gov.sg

Registration Deadline 6 June 2025

EWG online platform Yes

Procedure to register to the discussion:

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their representatives for this Electronic Working Group (EWG). When there is more than one representative, the Codex Member or Observer shall designate **one person** as the official representative to participate in the EWG.

Applications should be sent through the Codex Contact Points (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 (CCFA EWG)

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

Usergroup name: **CCFA55-cell culture (2025)**

New users of the platform need to [register](#). Participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the usergroup directly.

The EWG chair will provide participants access to the group once they have verified their credentials, so please ensure that you follow the procedure for applications and email the EWG chair through your CCP even if you are already registered on 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

For more information on participating in Codex Electronic Working Groups, see the [Codex Electronic Working Groups Handbook](#).

Programme and timeline

The work programme and timelines will be circulated to participants once registration is closed.

We look forward to your participation.

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