

## Electronic Working Group (EWG) Invitation

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

<b>Title of the EWG</b>	<b>New work proposal on the development of guidelines for food safety assessment of cell culture media components in cell-based food production</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)</b>	
<b>Established by</b>	CCFA56	
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	Singapore	
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	China, Republic of Korea	
<b>Working Languages</b>	English	
<b>Description of work</b>	<p>The electronic working group have the following Terms of Reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the scope of the new work proposal for consideration by CCFA57;</li> <li>• Identify areas where joint FAO/WHO scientific advice would be required to support the work; and</li> <li>• Collate and review information on existing regulatory approaches or approaches under development for safety assessment of cell culture media components amongst Codex Members.</li> </ul>	
<b>Timetable for work</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details (Submission of discussion paper)</b>
	25 May 2026	Circulation of invitation to participate in EWG
	19 Jun 2026	Deadline to register in EWG
	22 Jun 2026	Welcome message with proposed timetable for the work programme circulated to EWG participants First round of comments
	31 Jul 2026	Deadline for first round of comments
	14 Sep 2026	Second round of comments
	26 Oct 2026	Deadline for second round of comments
	31 Dec 2026	Final draft of project document and Chair's report
	12 to 16 April 2027	CCFA57
<b>Email for registration</b>	<a href="mailto:SFA_Codex@sfa.gov.sg">SFA_Codex@sfa.gov.sg</a>	
<b>Registration deadline</b>	19 June 2026	
<b>EWG online platform</b>	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 cell culture media (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.

Singapore, China and Republic of Korea