

Electronic Working Group (EWG) Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of Brazil (Chair) and France (co-chair).

Title of the EWG	Development of a Group Standard for Seaweed
Committee	Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (CCFFP)
Established by	CCFFP37
Chair of EWG	Brazil
Co-Chairs	France
Working Languages	English
Description of work	See REP26/FFP, paragraph 115i and ii. The electronic working group have the following Terms of Reference: • To revise the discussion paper and project document on development of a group standard for seaweed taking into account the discussion held during CCFFP37, including a need for a gap analysis and scoping exercise. • To submit the report of the EWG at least three months prior to CCFFP38 • To keep open the option to hold virtual working groups between CCFFP37 and CCFFP38.
Timetable for work	Kick-off message: 30 August 2026 Deadline for registration of EWG participants: 30 September 2026 Gap Analysis Questionnaire: 19 October 2026 Deadline for comments: 21 December 2026 First discussion paper circulated based on gap analysis: 08 March 2027 Scoping Exercise Questionnaire: 08 March 2027 Deadline for comments: 12 April 2027 Second discussion paper and first project document circulated: 31 May 2027 Deadline for comments: 30 June 2027 Third discussion paper and second project document circulated: 13 August 2027 Virtual Meeting: 15 September 2027 Revised discussion paper and project document circulated: 30 September 2027 Deadline for final comments: 15 November 2027 Submission of the EWG report and final documents to the Codex Secretariat: 31 December 2027
Email for registration	eduardo.nogueira@agro.gov.br ; codexbrasil@inmetro.gov.br
Registration deadline	30 September 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: **CCFFP37_group_Seaweed (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.

Brazil (Chair)

France (Co-chair)