



Electronic Working Group (EWG) Invitation

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE (CCFH)

Invitation to participate in the electronic working group (EWG) on the alignment of Codex texts with the revised General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC 1-1969)

This message is sent on behalf of China, Kenya and United Kingdom

Title **ALIGNMENT OF CODEX TEXTS WITH THE REVISED GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE (CXC 1-1969)**

Committee Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)

Session 55th Session

Chair of EWG China

Co-Chairs Kenya and United Kingdom

Working Languages English

Description of work CCFH 55 agreed to establish an EWG to

i. continue the structural alignment of Codex texts with the revised General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC 1-1969). The alignment work should prioritize the work on the:

- a) *Code of hygienic practice for the transport of food in bulk and semi-packed food* (CXC 47-2001);
- b) *Code of hygienic practice for bottled/packaged drinking waters (other than natural mineral waters)*(CXC 48-2001); and
- c) *Code of hygienic practice for collecting, processing and marketing of natural mineral waters* (CXC 33-1985).

ii. document the alignment approach through the decision tree or other means;

iii. integrate the alignment work plan with the committee's forward work plan to ensure consistency in CCFH's work planning; and

iv. submit a report with the proposed aligned texts, refined decision tree, updated forward work plan, and other possible recommendations on next steps.

Timetable for work The tentative timetable for the work is as follows:

March 20th, 2026 – Due date for answer to the invitation and register EWG members.

August, 2026(three months before CCFH56) – Report submitted to Codex Secretariat.

First consultation round:

March 30th, 2026 – 3 revised documents of alignment to be posted on the EWG Forum for comments

May 15th, 2026 – Deadline for comments for the first round

Second consultation round:

June 15th, 2026 – Revised pilot documents to be posted on the EWG Forum for further comments

July 30th 2026 – Deadline for comments for the second round

Email for registration **please send your full contact information to:** dinghao@cfsa.net.cn
and copy to: oko.george@uonbi.ac.ke, kindikim@kebs.org and narriman.looch@food.gov.uk

Registration deadline March 20, 2026

EWG online platform Yes x No

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: CCFH55 – Alignment (2026)

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

The EWG chair will give participants access to the usergroup 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. Once your CCP has sent your application you can request to join the EWG usergroup directly on the platform. You do not need to create a new registration if you have previously used 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.

We look forward to your participation.

Chair of the EWG: Ms. Claire Hao Ding (China)

Co-chairs of the EWG: Prof George Abong (Kenya)

Ms Maryann Kindiki (Kenya)

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