**EWG Invitation**

This message is sent on behalf of the United States, China, the European Union, Iran, and the United Kingdom

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**Description of work**
To prepare revised draft guidelines, at Step 2 using the edited version from CCFICS26 plenary, on the prevention and control of food fraud, taking into account all discussions and the comments (including text found in square brackets) submitted at CCFICS26, for consideration at CCFICS27.

**Timetable for work**
- October 2023: Initial draft to EWG
- November 2023: Comments due
- Early February 2024: Draft 2 to EWG
- Mid-March 2024: Comments due
- May 2024: Draft documents for meeting submitted to EWG
- June 2024: Documents submitted for meeting
- September 2024: CCFICS 27

**Email for registration**
uscodex@usda.gov

**Registration deadline**
1 September 2023

**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**


Usergroup name: **CCFICS – Food Fraud 2023**

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.
Thank you,
Dr. Michelle Catlin, Chair