

## **Electronic Working Group (EWG) Invitation for the Application of Food Labelling Provisions in Emergencies**

This message is sent on behalf of the United States of America (USA)

**Committee: Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL)**

**Session: 47<sup>th</sup>**

**Chair of EWG: USA**

**Working Language: English**

### **Description of work**

**The EWG will focus on the following areas:**

- Whether guidelines on the application of food labelling provisions in emergencies would be beneficial.
- What the scope of such proposed work should be, such as high-level guidance and criteria to aid decision-making or a more technical guidance.
- Whether definitions are necessary for terms such as “emergency” and “flexibilities,” among others, considering other international organizations’ definitions and use of these terms.
- What criteria may be needed to determine when the “emergency” threshold is reached.

Seeking input on these questions will inform an updated discussion paper and project document to be presented to CCFL48.

**Email for Registration:**

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**Registration deadline: September 1, 2023**

**EWG online platform: Yes  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: **Emergency flexibilities**

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 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.

Once your CCP has sent your application you can request to join the WG 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](mailto:codex@fao.org).

### **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.

*Bryce Carson, U.S. Alternate Delegate to CCFL*