

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS

EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of Canada and Saudi Arabia,

Title: Proposed Draft Revisions to Codex Standards on Fats and Oils to limit industrially produced Trans-Fatty Acids

Committee: Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

Session: 28th

Chairs of EWG: The EWG will be chaired by Canada and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia

Working Language: English

Description of work: The objective of the EWG is to revise the following Codex Standards on Fats and Oils to include a prohibition on partially hydrogenated oils (PHO) and/or limits on industrially produced trans-fatty acids (iTFA):

- Standard for Edible Fats and Oils Not Covered by Individual Standards (CXS 19-1981)
- Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads (CXS 256-1999)
- Standard for Named Animal Fats (CXS 211-1999)

The proposed draft revisions to Codex standards shall be circulated for comments at Step 3 and consideration by CCFO29.

Email for registration: codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca and please send copies (cc) to Codex_CFIA@inspection.gc.ca

Registration deadline: September 16, 2024

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: CCFO28 - Trans-Fatty Acids

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.

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.

Programme and Timeline

The work programme and deadlines are as follow:

Proposed timeline	Activity
July 5, 2024	Circulation of the invitation to participate in the EWG
September 16, 2024	Deadline to register in the EWG
December 9, 2024	Welcome message with proposed timetable for the work programme and a discussion paper with possible questions to the eWG members/options for revised provisions.
February 23, 2025	Deadline for comments on the first round
Early June 2025	Second drafts circulated for comments (including summary of input received)
Early September 2025	Deadline for comments on the second round
November 2025	Circulation of the revised and final draft texts and EWG report for transparency only. Final draft texts and EWG report submitted to the Codex Secretariat for posting on the CCFO29 website (3 months in advance).

We look forward to your participation,

Canada and Saudi Arabia