

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS

EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of the Syrian Arab Republic, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and IOC

Title	Development of a Data Collection Framework for Compositional and Quality Parameters of Olive Oils
Committee	Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)
Session	29th Session
Chair of EWG	Syrian Arab Republic
Co-Chairs	Australia, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and IOC
Working Languages	English only
Description of work	The work will involve defining the types of data to be collected and the associated validation and quality criteria, including compositional parameters (e.g. sterols, fatty acids) and other relevant quality parameters, that will enable the evaluation of the applicability of footnote (c) in paragraph 3.2.3 of the standard for Olive Oil and Olive Pomace Oil (CXS 33-1981); identifying appropriate analytical methods and sampling approaches; and proposing a targeted timeline for data collection that takes into account the multi-season nature of olive production. Building on these elements, a standardized template will be developed for inclusion in a Circular Letter (CL) to be issued by the Codex Secretariat, with the aim of informing all Members and Observers of the initiative and inviting them to submit the required data. The work will also include the preparation of a report to be submitted to the Codex Secretariat no later than three months in advance of CCFO30.

Timetable for work	30 June 2026	Deadline for registration
	July 2026	<u>Circulation of a proposed framework for data collection for comments</u> : list of parameters (types of data and associated quality criteria, sampling approaches and methods of analysis) and timeline for data collection.
	End of August 2026	Deadline for comments on the data collection framework.
	October 2026	<u>Sharing the standardized template for data collection with the Codex Secretariat for dissemination</u> (Circular Letter)
	September 2027	First draft of report circulated for comments
	November 2027	Final draft of report circulated for comments (including summary of input received)
	End of December 2027	EWG report submitted to the Codex Secretariat

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Registration deadline 30 June 2026

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: CCFO29: Data Collection in Olive Oils (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.

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 timelines will be circulated to members of the EWG soon after its establishment.

We look forward to your participation.

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