

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS

EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of Saudi Arabia and European Union.

Title	EWG for the proposed draft revisions to Codex Standards on Fats and Oils to reduce trans-fatty acid intake
Committee	CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS
Session	29 th
Chair of EWG	Saudi Arabia
Co-Chairs	European Union
Working Languages	English
Description of work	<p>The objective of the EWG is to continue the revision of the following three Codex standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standard for Edible Fats and Oils Not Covered by Individual Standards (CXS 19-1981)2. Standard for Fat Spreads and Blended Spreads (CXS 256-1999)3. Standard for Named Animal Fats (CXS 211-1999)

The scope of the revision includes the definitions, essential composition provisions, and related aspects for verifying compliance, such as methods of analysis. The EWG will take into consideration all comments submitted, the discussions held during CCFO29, and the changes reflected in CRD38

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

Proposed timeline	Activity
29/06/2026	Circulation of the invitation to participate in the EWG
31/08/2026	Deadline to register in the EWG
End of September 2026	Welcome message with proposed timetable for work and circulation of the draft for the first round of comments
End of December 2026	Deadline for the submission of the first-round comments
End February 2027	Circulation of the reviewed draft for the second round of comments
End of May 2027	Deadline for the submission of the second round of comments
Late June 2027	EWG virtual working group meeting discussion
End October 2027	Circulation of the revised and final draft texts and EWG report

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Registration deadline 31st of August, 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 – Trans-Fatty Acids (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.

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.

Saudi Arabia and European Union