

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS

EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of United States of America and China.

Title	EWG for the development of a <i>Standard for Microbial Omega-3 Oils</i>
Committee	Fats and Oils
Session	28 th SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS
Chair of EWG	United States of America
Co-Chairs	China
Working Languages	English
Description of work	The EWG will prepare the proposed draft <i>Standard for Microbial Omega-3 Oils</i> for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration by CCFO29 (tentative date February 2026). The report of the EWG will be submitted to the Codex Secretariat at least three months before CCFO29.

Timetable for work	2nd August 2024	Deadline to register. Welcome message with proposed timetable for the work program and draft standard for comments circulated to the EWG.
	Early October 2024	Deadline for comments on the first round
	Early December 2024	Second draft circulated to the EWG for comments (including summary of comments received)
	Early February 2025	Deadline for comments on the second round
	Early April 2025	Third draft circulated for comments, if needed
	Early June 2025	Deadline for comments on the third round
	Early September 2025	Circulation of the revised and final draft texts + draft report
	Early October 2025	Final draft texts and EWG report submitted to Codex Secretariat

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Registration deadline 2nd August 2024

EWG online platform Yes

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 Microbiological Omega 3 Oils*

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.

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