

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (CCFA)

Invitation to participate in the electronic Working Group (EWG) on the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) to the 55th CCFA

Dear Colleagues:

The 54th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) that was held from 22 to 26 April 2024, agreed to establish an EWG on the GSFA, led by the United States of America (USA), and working in English only, to consider (REP 24/FA para. 105):

- i. Replies from CCFO28 on the technological justification for the use of paprika extract (INS 160c (ii) in FC 02.2.2 of the GSFA;
- ii. Revocation of the adopted provision for annatto extracts, bixin based (INS 160b(i)) in FC 01.2.1;
- iii. The adopted provision for aspartame (INS 951) in FC 07.1 for comment on the actual use level and application of the alternative Note;
- iv. The draft, and proposed draft provisions, respectively, for colours in FCs 01.0 through to 08.0 and their subcategories as well as adopted provisions for colours with Note 161 in FCs 01.0 through to 08.0 and their subcategories with the exception of colours addressed in bullet points i and ii above; and
- v. Provisions entered at Step 2 of the GSFA contained in CRD02 Annex 5.

Therefore, the USA requests Codex Members and Observers interested in participating in this EWG to provide their contact information, including name(s), affiliation, and e-mail address to Dr. Daniel Folmer (ccfa@cfsan.fda.gov) by **21 June 2024**.

Proposed Working Schedule for the EWG:

- 28 June 2024: Circulation of background information and request for EWG member comments.
- 26 July 2024: Deadline for submission of comments.
- 23 August 2024: Circulation of first draft consensus recommendations to the EWG members.
- 20 September 2024: Deadline for submission of comments on first draft consensus recommendations.
- 18 October 2024: Circulation of second draft consensus recommendations to the EWG members. (Optional)
- 15 November 2024: Deadline for submission of comments on second draft consensus recommendations. (Optional)
- 6 December 2024: Submission of final report of the EWG to the Codex Secretariat.

Full and constructive participation by Codex Members will enable the EWG to have a robust discussion and will lead to constructive recommendations on this issue for consideration by the 55th CCFA. We look forward to working with Codex Members on this important project.

Sincerely,

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U.S.A. Delegate to CCFA