

EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of: The Netherlands, New Zealand and Canada.

Title	MLs for methylmercury in fish species including associated sampling plans
Committee	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods
Session	11 th
Chair of EWG	The Netherlands
Co-Chairs	Canada and New Zealand
Working Languages	English
Description of work	CCCF11 agreed to start new work on the establishment of maximum levels (MLs) for fish (tuna, alfonso, kingfish/amberjack, marlin, shark, dogfish and swordfish) and to establish an Electronic Working Group (EWG) led by the Netherlands together with New Zealand and Canada to prepare proposals for MLs and associated sampling plans for aforesaid fish species for consideration by CCCF12 in 2018 (REP17/CF , paras 125 – 143, Appendix VIII)
Timetable for work	A call for data has been issued by the JECFA Secretariat and is available on the FAO and WHO websites as follows: http://www.who.int/foodsafety/en/ or http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/calls-data-experts/en/ . Deadline for submission of data is 30 September 2017 . Proposals for MLs, including associated sampling plans, should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat by not later than 15 January 2018 . A work plan will be provided to the Members of the EWG once the EWG has been established.
Email for registration	Astrid.Bulder@rivm.nl
Registration deadline	31 August 2017
EWG online platform	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this EWG. 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 of the member or recognized observer organization in an email detailing:

- participants name,
- organization or country
- email

The EWG platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform will be provided with the link once their credentials have been verified by the working group leaders. Those participants who have previously registered on the platform will be provided with the EWG name so they can request to join.