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CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP (EWG): ALIGNMENT OF FOOD ADDITIVES PROVISIONS IN STANDARDS FOR FATS AND OILS (EXCEPT FISH OILS) AND TECHNOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF EMULSIFIERS IN FC 02.1.2 OF THE GSFA

Dear Codex Members and Observers

The 25th session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 27 February – 03 March 2017) agreed to establish an Electronic Working Group (EWG) led by the European Union to:

- (i) review food additive provisions in Standards for fats and oils (except the standard for fish oils) in order to align with the GSFA or propose modifications to the current entries of the GSFA if necessary; and
- (ii) further explore the technological justification for the use of emulsifiers in products covered by FC 02.1.2 and the existing standards for fats and oils (except the standard for fish oils) report the findings to CCFO26.

The EWG is open to all Codex Members and Observers. The EWG will work in English only.

The initial timetable for the work of this EWG is as follows:

15 October 2017	First circular for EWG member comments
1 December 2017	Deadline for submission of comments
1 February 2018	Second circular for EWG member comments
1 April 2018	Deadline for submission of comments
1 August 2018	Submission of the EWG Report to the Codex Secretariat

As Chair, the European Union invites Codex Members and Observers interested in participating in this EWG to provide the name(s), official title and e-mail address of their representatives to the EU Codex Contact Point (sante-codex@ec.europa.eu) by **15 September 2017**.

Yours sincerely,

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