

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS  
(CCFICS)**

**EWG Invitation**

This message is sent on behalf of New Zealand.

<b>Title</b>	Consolidation of guidance on Equivalence
<b>Committee</b>	CCFICS
<b>Session</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	New Zealand
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	United States of America and Kenya
<b>Working Languages</b>	English
<b>Description of work</b>	Progress consolidation of all CCFICS guidance on equivalence
<b>Timetable for work</b>	Report back to CCFICS27 with a revised Draft Consolidation
<b>Email for registration</b>	<a href="mailto:CodexNZ@mpi.govt.nz">CodexNZ@mpi.govt.nz</a>
<b>Registration deadline</b>	28 July 2023
<b>EWG online platform</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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: **CCFICS-Equivalence Consolidation-2023**

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](mailto: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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