

Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)

This message is sent on behalf of New Zealand.

Title: Future work on maximum levels for methylmercury in other fish species
Committee Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods
Session 12th
Chair of EWG New Zealand
Co-Chair Canada
Working Languages English
Description of work Following completion on work on MLs for methylmercury in selected fish species, CCCF12 (2018) agreed to establish an EWG to prepare a discussion paper on the establishment of MLs for methylmercury for additional fish species. The paper should clearly identify the fish species for which MLs should (and could) be established with proposals for MLs and include a project document with the proposal for new work for consideration by CCCF13 (2019).

Note: *The JECFA Secretariat has issued a call for additional data for methylmercury in fish which is available at:*
<http://www.who.int/foodsafety/call-data/en/>

Member countries are encouraged to submit data to GEMS/Foods to assist in the identification of fish species for which MLs could be established for consideration at CCCF13.

Timetable for work The discussion paper should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for distribution and consideration by CCCF13 by not later than **15 February 2019**

Email registration for CodexNZ@mpi.govt.nz with a copy to HC.Codex.Canada.SC@Canada.ca

Registration deadline **30 September 2018**

EWG online platform Yes No

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 (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>

User-Group name: **CCCF13:ML-methylmercury**

The platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform should first register ([online guide](#), [video tutorial](#))

Those participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the user-group directly. The EWG Chair will give participants access to the group 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.

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.

Andrew Pearson, New Zealand (Chair)