CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPI CES AND CULINARY HERBS

EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of the United States and India

Title: Proposed Draft Group Standard Layout.

Committee: Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)

Session: 6th Session

Chair of EWG: The United States

Assisted by: Brazil, Ghana, India, The Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Kingdom

Working Languages: ENGLISH

Description of work: Development of a Proposed Draft Group Standard Layout based on the discussion paper submitted by the United States and comments made at the 5th CCSCH session.

Timetable for work:

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<td>Deadline for registration of EWG participants</td>
<td>15th October 2021</td>
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<td>First draft document circulated for comments</td>
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Email for registration:
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Registration deadline: 15th October 2021

EWG online platform: Yes

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

User group name: CCSCH-Group Standard Layout 2021

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 user 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. Once your CCP has sent your application you can request to join the EWG user group 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.

**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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