

## CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS (CCFO)

### Invitation to participate in the electronic working group (EWG) on inclusion of Avocado oil (Updated)

This message is sent on behalf of Mexico & United States

<b>Title</b>	EWG for the amendment/revision of the <i>Standard for Named Vegetable Oils</i> (CXS 210-1999): Inclusion of avocado oil
<b>Committee</b>	Fats & oils
<b>Session</b>	27th SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FATS AND OILS
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	Mexico
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	United States of America
<b>Working Languages</b>	English and Spanish
<b>Description of work</b>	The EWG will have the task of: a) Consider proposed values/texts in square brackets; b) Consider the comments submitted at Step 5/6 in reply to CLs; and c) Prepare a report of the EWG to be submitted to the Codex Secretariat, at least 3 months in advance of CCFO28.

#### Timetable for work:

28-Feb-22	Deadline to register. Welcome message with proposed timetable for the work program circulated to EWG participants
Mid-February 2022	Circular Letter calling for data for levels of tocopherols/tocotrienols with deadline of August, 2022
Mid-March, 2022	Deadline for comments on the proposed timetable
April, 2022	Call for data and comments on bracketed sterol values with deadline of August 2022 (or to coincide with deadline for data on tocopherols/tocotrienols of July 2022)
End of August, 2022	First draft circulated for comments (including summary of input received); additional questions included if needed
Early November, 2022	Deadline for comments on the first draft
Early December 2022:	Second draft circulated for comments (including summary of input received)
Early March 2023	Third draft circulated for comments (if 3 <sup>rd</sup> draft is necessary and including summary of input received).
Early May 2023	Deadline for comments on the third draft
Early June 2023	Circulation of final draft texts + final draft sent to the EWG for transparency
Early July 2023	Final draft texts and EWG report submitted to the Secretariat for posting on the CCFO website

**Email for registration** [codexmex@economia.gob.mx](mailto:codexmex@economia.gob.mx); [tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx](mailto:tania.fosado@economia.gob.mx); [Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov](mailto:Doreen.chenmoulec@usda.gov)

**Registration deadline** February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**EWG online platform** Yes x

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: **CCFO - Avocado Oil - 2022**

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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