

December 2016

Dear Codex Members and Observers

**REVIEW OF THE CODEX STANDARD FOR FOLLOW-UP FORMULA
(CODEX STAN 156-1987)**

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP ON FOLLOW UP
FORMULA**

At the 38th session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU), the Committee agreed to continue work on the revision of the Follow-up Formula Standard through an electronic working group (eWG) chaired by New Zealand and co-chaired by France and Indonesia, working in English, with the following Terms of Reference:

- Finalise the minimum protein requirements and levels for the optional addition of DHA on the Essential Composition of Follow-up Formula for older infants (6-12 months) (Sub-section 3 of Section A);
- Finalise the outstanding requirements for the Essential Composition of product for young children (12-36 months) (Sub-section 3 of Section B);
- Finalise the product definitions contained within Definition 2.1 including the name of product for 12-36 months;
- Review the Scope and Labelling Sections with a point of differentiation at 12 months, for Section A and Section B of the Draft Standard based on the discussions at CCNFSDU38, and propose draft text.

The eWG will be open to all members and observers and will work in English.

New Zealand invites those members and observer organizations that are interested in participating in the 2017 eWG to provide through their Codex Contact Point the following details:

- Participant's name (one contact point per member/observer organization)
- Official title
- Country or observer organization
- Email address

The above information should be sent to jenny.reid@mpi.govt.nz and copied to on or before **20 January 2017**.

As part of a pilot programme the EWG will be run over a bulletin board. With this system we hope to achieve a better flow of information, greater security and increased transparency. The bulletin board will require you to login. You will be provided with the link and instructions once participant credentials have been verified.

Once the membership and participant list has been finalised, New Zealand and the co-chairs will circulate details of working procedures and timeline for completion of the work.

We look forward to your reply.

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