



Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)

This message is sent on behalf of the United States of America.

Title:	Joint EWG between CCRVDF and CCPR
Committee	Codex Alimentarius Commission and its Executive Committee Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF)
Sessions	CAC48 (2025), CCPR54 (2023) and CCRVDF26 (2023)
Chair	United States of America
Co-Chair	Brazil
Working Language	English
Description of work	<p>The EWG will continue to identify and prioritize issues affecting both committees and recommend ways to address the issues and to inform CAC accordingly.</p> <p>In particular, the EWG will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) review work already done cooperatively between the Codex Committees on Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) and Pesticide Residues (CCPR) and will identify, and if possible, prioritize areas of possible further collaboration between CCRVDF and CCPR and how this could be carried out (e.g. jointly, in parallel, etc.) to facilitate the consideration of compounds with dual uses by both committees and the possible harmonization of maximum residue limits (MRLs). This may include reflections on improved synchronization of work between CCPR and CCRVDF as well as collaboration between CCPR/CCRVDF and the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues (JMPR)/Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA);(ii) provide an update on their preliminary findings to CCRVDF and CCPR;(iii) develop a list of compounds with dual use as a pesticide and veterinary drug for which no or only one Codex MRL has been established and that member countries will provide the information to populate this list;(iv) identify dual-use compounds that have different Codex MRLs for a similar edible commodity of animal origin and recommend on a case-by-case basis, a single, harmonized MRL(s) for the compound(s) and affected commodity(ies). The EWG might recommend that CCRVDF/CCPR consider selecting the higher MRL value;(v) consider the matter related to harmonized food descriptors to be used by JECFA/JMPR; and(vi) prepare a draft agenda for the joint virtual session of CCPR and CCRVDF, to be submitted to CAC for endorsement <div style="background-color: #e1f5fe; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"><p>Note: This EWG was established by CAC44 (2021) to facilitate work between CCPR and CCRVDF on issues of common interest to both committees notably to enable the establishment of harmonized/single MRLs for compounds with dual uses to the extent possible.</p><p>Codex Contact Points are invited to share this invitation with their <u>veterinary services and plant protection offices</u> to facilitate coordination at national level and, if possible, to appoint delegates that represent the two services to facilitate discussion in this EWG.</p></div>
Timetable for work	The Joint EWG will continue its work as long as both CCPR and CCRVDF consider it useful.
Email for registration	ccrvdf-ussec@usda.gov
Registration deadline	31 January 2026
EWG online platform	Yes

Other information

For activities, documents, work, and other relevant information related to the joint work of CCPR and CCRVDF, please visit the dedicated webpage on the Codex website: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/committees/committee/en/?committee=CCPR-CCRVDF>

Procedure to register to EWGs

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
- Country or organization
- Email address.

The EWG platform

Link: <http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php>

User-Group name: **CCPR/CCRVDF-EWG (2025)**

The platform will require members to login.

New participants on 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 program and timelines will be circulated to members of the EWG soon after its establishment.

We look forward to your participation.

Chair (United States) of the Joint EWG

Co-Chair (Brazil) of the Joint EWG

Codex Contact Point of the United States of America

Codex Contact Point of Brazil