



## Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)

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

<b>Title:</b>	Joint EWG between CCRVDF and CCPR
<b>Committee</b>	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) and Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)
<b>Sessions</b>	CCPR54 (2023) and CCRVDF26 (2023)
<b>Chair</b>	United States of America
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Brazil and New Zealand
<b>Working Language</b>	English
<b>Description of work</b>	<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"><li>• 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 with member countries providing the information to populate this list.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Consider the matter related to harmonized food descriptors to be used by JECFA and JMPR.</li></ul>

**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.

Codex Contact Points are invited to share this invitation with their veterinary services and plant protection offices to facilitate coordination at national level and, if possible, to appoint delegates that represent the two services to facilitate discussion in this EWG.

**Timetable for work** Updates on findings on the matters identified in the mandate of the EWG will be provided to CCPR55 and CCRVDF27 within two months before the respective plenary meetings. The Joint EWG will continue its work as long as both CCRVDF and CCPR consider it useful.

**Email for registration** [ccrvdf-ussec@usda.gov](mailto:ccrvdf-ussec@usda.gov)

**Registration deadline** **15 September 2023**

**EWG online platform** **Yes**

**Note:** Codex members and observers who have previously participated in the work of the EWG will automatically be included in the current EWG. Therefore, there is no need for them to register again. However, they should still confirm with the EWG Chair their desire to continue participating in the work of the EWG so that the List of Participants truly reflects the present membership of the EWG. If the member or observer remains interested in the work of the EWG but other delegates are designated to participate, they should register in the usual way as indicated below. New Codex members and observers should enrol in the usual way as described below.

### 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(2023)**

The platform will require members to login.

New participants to 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.

*Chair (United States) of the EWG*

*Codex Contact Point of the United States*