

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (CCFA)

EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of the European Union (EU) and the Netherlands.

Title	Invitation to participate in the Electronic Working Group (EWG) on nitrates and nitrites
Committee	Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA)
Session	51
Chair	EU
Co-Chair	Netherlands
Working Languages	English
Description of work	<p>The CCFA50 agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by the EU, co-chaired by the Netherlands and working in English only, to:</p> <p>Develop an inventory of data available on nitrates and nitrites, taking into account document CX/FA 18/50/9 and the comments of the joint FAO/WHO JECFA Secretariat contained in CRD06, with a view to consulting with JECFA and CCFA regarding next steps, in particular by:</p> <p>(i) collecting general information on risk-management approaches on nitrates and nitrites used as food additives by regulatory agencies of Codex members;</p> <p>(ii) collecting information on Q1 as outlined in CX/FA 18/50/9;</p> <p>(iii) collecting, using the table outlined in Recommendation 4 of CX/FA 18/50/9, information on Q2 for each of the GSFA subcategories for which provisions on nitrates and nitrites existed (whether adopted or in the Codex Step procedure), and, when available, providing accompanying data and studies demonstrating the effectiveness of the levels in performing the desired technological function;</p> <p>(iv) collecting information on natural occurrence data on nitrates and nitrites; and</p> <p>(v) collecting available information on QI-QV to further consider feasibility and the need for risk assessment.</p>

Provisional timetable

Date	Activities
14 September 2018	Circulation of first draft for EWG member comments
10 October 2018	Deadline for submission of comments
26 October 2018	Circulation of second draft for EWG member comments
20 November 2018	Deadline for submission of comments
10 December 2018	Final EWG report to the Codex Secretariat

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Registration deadline 20 August 2018

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.
- username on the EWG platform (please register first if you don't have an account yet)

The EWG platform link <http://forum.codex-alimentarius.net/index.php>

Usergroup name CCFA-nitrates&nitrites

The platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform should first register. ([online guide](#), [video tutorial](#))

Those participants who have previously registered on the platform can request to join the usergroup 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.

Kinds Regards

Jiri Sochor

Kees Planken