

Electronic Working Group (EWG) Invitation for Optional Ingredients in the *Infant Formula Standard*

This message is sent on behalf of the United States of America and the European Union

Committee: Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Use (CCNFSDU)

Session: 44th

Chair of the EWG: United States of America

Working Language: English

Terms of reference are to:

- review the use of fructans, beta-carotene, lycopene in the context of optional ingredients in the *Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants (CXS 72-1981)*;
- develop recommendations to CCNFSDU44 regarding the safety and suitability of these ingredients as optional ingredients in CXS 72-1981; and
- submit a report for discussion at CCNFSDU44.

Timetable for work

Upload 1st document: 30 September 2023

Deadline for comments: 15 November 2023

Upload 2nd document: 31 January 2024

Deadline for comments: 31 March 2024

Final report: July 2024

Registration

Email for registration: douglas.balentine@fda.hhs.gov with a cc: marie.maratosbhat@usda.gov

Registration deadline: 31 July 2023

EWG online platform **Yes x** No

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: **Optional Ingredients in the *Infant Formula Standard (2023)***

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 WG 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.

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.

Douglas Balentine, U.S. Delegate to CCNFSDU