

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON
METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING
ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP ON
CRITERIA FOR ENDORSEMENT OF BIOLOGICAL METHODS
USED TO DETECT CHEMICALS OF CONCERN**

To: Codex members and observers

At the recent session of CCMAS¹, the Committee agreed to establish an electronic working group (EWG) chaired by Chile and co-chaired by México, open to all members and observers, with the following purpose:

- to use the General Criteria for the Selection of Methods of Analysis laid down in the Procedural Manual and other related Procedural Manual referenced documents for the validation of methods of analysis to assess methods in which potency of a substance is measured by the response of living organisms or living systems,
- to determine which criteria would not apply and propose some other criteria that might be necessary for biological methods which are currently endorsed by Codex

Nominations to the Working Group

You are invited to nominate participants to the Working Group. It would be very helpful if comments from your participants were collated within your country or organization before being sent to the Working Group coordinators.

Registration

Please supply the information of each person from or who wishes to participate in the Working Group:

Name	
Official position	
Institution / Organization	
email address	
Country	

Nominations should be sent directly to: Mrs. Soraya Sandoval (codex@ispch.cl) and copied to Mr. César Galvez (cgalvez@cofepris.gob.mx).

The EWG will be run over an online bulletin board. The EWG platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform will be provided with the link once their credentials have been verified by the working group leaders. Those participants who have previously registered on the platform will be provided with the EWG name so they can request to join.

It would be appreciated if nominations were made by **30 July 2017**.

Yours faithfully,

**Chile Codex Contact Point
México Codex Contact Point**

1 Report of the Thirty-eighth Session of the Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling, Budapest, Hungary, 9-12 May 2017.