

EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of India and Saudia Arabia.

Title	Proposed Draft Standard for Fresh Dates
Committee	Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
Session	20 th session
Chair of EWG	Dr. Suresh Kumar Malhotra, India
Co-Chairs	Mr. Mohammed Abdulaziz Alkhamis, Saudia Arabia
Working Languages	English
Description of work	The Committee at its 20th Session agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by India and co-chaired by Saudi Arabia to consider the replies to the request for comments at Step 3 on the revised proposed draft Standard; and revise the proposed draft Standard taking into account comments submitted at Step 3 for further consideration by the next session of the Committee.

Timetable for work Proposed timelines

12th February, 2018	Circulation of 1st Draft of the Working Document
12th March, 2018	Deadline for submission of comments
23rd April, 2018	Circulation of the 2nd Draft of the working document
31st May, 2018	Deadline for submission of comments
20th July, 2018	Submission of the final report to the Codex Secretariat for inclusion in the CCFFV Agenda.

Email for registration	agricommissioner@gmail.com ; Makhamis@sfda.gov.sa Copy to: codex-india@nic.in
Registration deadline	22 nd January, 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.

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

Usergroup name: CCFFV-dates

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.