



**Electronic Working Group (EWG) Invitation**

**CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE (CCFH)**

**Invitation to participate in the electronic working group (EWG) on the alignment of Codex texts with the revised *General Principles of Food Hygiene* (CXC 1-1969)**

This message is sent on behalf of China, the United Kingdom and the European Union

<b>Title</b>	<b>ALIGNMENT OF CODEX TEXTS WITH THE REVISED <i>GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE</i> (CXC 1-1969)</b>
<b>Committee</b>	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)
<b>Session</b>	54th Session
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	China
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	United Kingdom and the European Union
<b>Working Languages</b>	English
<b>Description of work</b>	<p>CCFH 54 agreed to establish an EWG to</p> <p>i. initiate the structural alignment of Codex texts with the revised <i>General Principles of Food Hygiene</i> (CXC 1-1969) starting with the most recently modified texts listed in Appendix VII of REP24/FH and establish a timeframe for completing alignment with the <i>General Principles of Food Hygiene</i> (CXC 1-1969). The alignment work should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. include a review of the texts for suitability for full structural alignment with CXC 1-1969;</li> <li>b. structurally align the texts with the Main Headings of CXC 1-1969;</li> <li>c. provide simple cross-references to CXC 1-1969 where there is no existing text in the document being aligned;</li> <li>d. include cross-reference to sections 16-19 (HACCP) which were not present in earlier versions of CXC 1-1969;</li> </ul> <p>ii. identify any aspects that prevent or create particular challenges for structural alignment, for example, a unique structure, age of text, outdated text etc. and where feasible provide recommendations on how these might be addressed, for consideration by CCFH55;</p> <p>iii. liaise with the working group on the new work/forward workplan; and</p> <p>iv. submit a report with the proposed aligned texts and any challenges encountered and possible recommendations on next steps (See REP24/FH paragraph 177).</p>
<b>Timetable for work</b>	<p>The tentative timetable for the work is as follows:</p> <p><b>August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b> – Due date for answer to the invitation and register EWG members.  <b>Three months before CCFH55</b> – Report submitted to Codex Secretariat.</p> <p><u>First consultation round:</u></p> <p><b>September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</b> – 3 pilots of alignment to be posted on the EWG Forum for comments  <b>November 30<sup>th</sup> 2024</b> – Deadline for comments for the first round</p> <p><u>Second consultation round:</u></p> <p><b>February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b> – Revised pilot documents to be posted on the EWG Forum for further comments  <b>April 30<sup>th</sup> 2025</b> – Deadline for comments for the second round</p>

<b>Email for registration</b>	<b>please send your full contact information to:</b> <a href="mailto:dinghao@cfsa.net.cn">dinghao@cfsa.net.cn</a> <b>and copy to</b> <a href="mailto:kris.de-smet@ec.europa.eu">kris.de-smet@ec.europa.eu</a> , <a href="mailto:narriman.looch@food.gov.uk">narriman.looch@food.gov.uk</a> , and <a href="mailto:monica.mann@food.gov.uk">monica.mann@food.gov.uk</a>
<b>Registration deadline</b>	August 20, 2024
<b>EWG online platform</b>	Yes x

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: CCFH54 – Alignment**

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 EWG 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](mailto:codex@fao.org).

We look forward to your participation.

Chair of the EWG: Ms. Claire Hao Ding (China)

Co-chairs of the EWG: Mr. Kris De Smet (EU)

Ms. Narriman Looch and Ms. Monica Mann (UK)