

## EWG Invitation

This message is sent on behalf of the United States of America and Australia.

<b>Title</b>	Testing methods: nitrates and nitrites in certain food matrices
<b>Committee</b>	CCMAS
<b>Session</b>	44
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	United States of America
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Australia
<b>Working Languages</b>	English
<b>Description of work</b>	a) to establish numeric performance criteria for the determination of nitrate and nitrite ions in the food matrices listed in CX/FA 21/52/7 Appendix 5, Annex 2 including adopted MLs in the GSFA and the lowest proposed residual levels; b) to review the methods in CX/FA 21/52/7 Appendix 5, Annex 1 and determine if these methods meet the numeric performance criteria established for the matrices in CX/FA 21/52/7 Appendix 5, Annex 2 for both adopted MLs in the GSFA and lowest proposed residual levels; c) to discuss if the methods determine both nitrate and nitrite ions and if so, whether the methods detect each ion separately or only in combination; and d) to discuss if the different determination schemes (i.e. separate or combined) could have an impact on the precision and accuracy of the methods.
<b>Timetable for work</b>	The Chair of the working group will inform the group of the finalized timetable for work via the online platform when all registrations have been received.
<b>Email for registration</b>	<a href="mailto:uscodex@usda.gov">uscodex@usda.gov</a> with a copy to <a href="mailto:Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov">Patrick.Gray@fda.hhs.gov</a>
<b>Registration deadline</b>	July 31, 2024
<b>EWG online platform</b>	Yes X No <input type="checkbox"/>

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: CCMAS: Testing Methods Nitrates and Nitrites (2024)

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.

Dr. Patrick Gray (EWG Chair) and U.S. Codex Office (Codex Contact Point – USA)