



Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)

This message is sent on behalf of Kenya.

Title:	Edible offal tissues
Committee	Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
Session	25 th
Chair of EWG	Kenya
Co-Chairs	New Zealand
Working Language	English
Description of work	<p>To work in parallel with the Electronic Working Group on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed established by the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR/EWG-Classification) on issues pertaining to harmonization of edible offal (Recommendations 3 and 7 of CX/RVDF 21/25/9).</p> <p><i>Note: Following the recommendation of CCEXEC73 (2017)¹ on closer cooperation between CCPR and CCRVDF on issues of mutual interest for compounds used as both pesticides and veterinary drugs and the exploration of innovative ways to foster such collaboration as well as the discussions and decisions of CCPR50 (2018)² and CCRVDF24 (2018)³ in this regard, CCEXEC75 (2018)⁴ made a jointly recommendation to the CCPR/EWG on the revision of the Classification and the CCRVDF/EWG on the definition of edible animal tissues that, in addition to their existing terms of reference, both EWGs should work closely on the definition of edible animal tissues to develop a harmonized definition that would facilitate the establishment of MRLs for pesticides and veterinary drugs. CCEXEC77 (2019)⁵ further called upon CCPR and CCRVDF to collaborate and synchronize work on issues of common interest to both committees to the extent possible to facilitate the establishment of maximum residue limits for pesticides and veterinary drugs for compounds with dual uses. CCPR52 agreed to re-establish the EWG on the revision of the Classification of Food and Feed to continue working on edible animal tissues (including edible offal) in collaboration with the CCRVDF/EWG on edible offal⁶.</i></p>
Timetable for work	The discussion paper should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for distribution and consideration by CCRVDF26 by not later than 20 November 2022
Email for registration	info@kebs.org with a copy to codexnz@mpi.govt.nz
Registration deadline	25 January 2021
EWG online platform	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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
- country or organization
- email address.

¹ REP17/EXEC2, paragraph 19

² REP18/PR, paragraphs 9 and 152

³ REP18/RVDF paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 95

⁴ REP18/EXEC1, paragraphs 27-28

⁵ REP19/EXEC2, paragraph 20

⁶ REP21/PR52, paras. 179 and 185

The EWG platform

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

User-Group name: **CCRVDF-EdibleOffalIssues(2021)**

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 user-group 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.

Chair (Kenya) and Co-Chair (New Zealand) of the EWG

Codex Contact Points of Kenya and Canada