

## Invitation to participate in the CCFICS EWG on Food Integrity and Food Authenticity

<b>EWG title</b>	Food Integrity and Food Authenticity
<b>Committee</b>	CCFICS23
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	Islamic Republic of Iran
<b>Co-Chair(s)</b>	Canada and EU
<b>Working Language(s)</b>	English
<b>Terms of Reference</b>	<p>The 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS) agreed to establish an electronic working group (EWG) chaired by the Islamic Republic of Iran and co-chaired by Canada and the European Union, working in English only, with the following terms of reference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. clarify the definitions of food integrity, food authenticity, food fraud and EMA and delineate the scope for the preliminary assessment of CCFICS texts;</li> <li>b. based on those definitions, undertake a preliminary assessment of existing CCFICS texts to identify possible gaps and the impact, whether positive or negative, of those texts in mitigating potential problems; and</li> <li>c. prepare a discussion paper presenting the findings of that assessment and any need for further work or potential new work.</li> </ol>

### Timetable for work

Deadline for Registration of Working Group participants	31 August 2017
Launch of the electronic Working Group - Circulation of the first draft document for comments	31 October 2017
Deadline for submission of comments	31 December 2017
Circulation of the second draft document for comments	28 February 2018
Deadline for submission of comments	30 April 2018
Submission of the final document to Codex Secretariat for distribution	1 July 2018

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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 of the member or recognized observer organization in an email detailing:

- participants name
- official title or position
- organization or country
- email

The EWG will work through the online platform and this 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.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,  
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