

## Invitation to participate in the CCFICS Electronic Working Group (EWG) on Food Fraud

<b>EWG Title</b>	CCFICS Food Fraud
<b>Committee</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Session of Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS24)
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	United States of America
<b>Co-Chair(s)</b>	European Union and the Islamic Republic of Iran
<b>Working language(s)</b>	English

**Description of work** The 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS), held in Brisbane, Australia 22 -26 October 2018, agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by the United States of America and co-chaired by the EU and the Islamic Republic of Iran, working in English only, to:

further consider the role of CCFICS with respect to tackling the challenge of food fraud in the context of food safety and fair practices in the food trade; and

- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of existing relevant Codex texts within and outside of CCFICS to avoid overlapping or intrusion onto the mandate of other Codex general subject or commodity committees, noting that a number of related Codex texts existed within and outside of CCFICS. If the EWG identifies gaps in existing CCFICS texts, it may:
  - propose new work, within the scope and mandate of CCFICS, for consideration at CCFICS25;
  - Consider what definitions need to be developed; and propose definitions that may be needed in any future project document, consistent with existing Codex texts, scope and mandate for use in prospective project documents as appropriate.

### Timetable for work

Deadline for registration of EWG participants	<b><u>22 March 2019 [3 weeks]</u></b>
First draft document circulated for comments	1 May 2019
Deadline for comments on first draft	1 July 2019 [2 months]
Second draft document circulated for comment	September 2019
Deadline for comments on second draft document	October 2019
Final document sent to Australian and Codex Secretariats for review, translation and distribution for CCFICS25	January 2020

**Email for registration:** [ken.lowery@osec.usda.gov](mailto:ken.lowery@osec.usda.gov) with a copy to [uscodex@osec.usda.gov](mailto:uscodex@osec.usda.gov);

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this EWG. When there is more than one expert, each country or observer organisation 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 recognised observer organisation in an email detailing:

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

**EWG online platform:** The EWG will work through the online platform which 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 that they can request to join.

Usergroup name: **CCFICS-FOOD FRAUD**