



## Electronic Working Group Invitation (EWG Invitation)

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

<b>Title:</b>	Revision of the Classification of Food and Feed
<b>Committee</b>	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)
<b>Session</b>	51 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Chair of EWG</b>	The United States of America
<b>Co-Chair</b>	The Netherlands
<b>Working Language</b>	English
<b>Description of work</b>	<p>The EWG should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider the issue of okra and an appropriate representative commodity taking into account monitoring data submitted.</li><li>• Initiate consideration of Class B, Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin and Class E, Processed Foods of Animal Origin.</li><li>• Continue to work on edible animal tissues (including edible offal) in collaboration with the CCRVDF/EWG on edible offal.</li><li>• Consider the replies to CL 2020/13-PR on the harmonization of meat mammalian MRLs between CCPR and CCRVDF (Classification of Food and Feed: Class B – Primary Commodity of Animal Origin) and the definition of edible offal as recommended by CCRVDF and to continue to cooperate with the CCRVDF-EWG/edible offal to facilitate the harmonization of terminology/definitions that can facilitate the establishment of harmonized MRLs for compounds with dual uses for food of animal origin.</li></ul>

**Note:** Following the recommendation of CCEXEC73 (2017)<sup>1</sup> 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)<sup>2</sup> and CCRVDF24 (2018)<sup>3</sup> in this regard, CCEXEC75 (2018)<sup>4</sup> 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)<sup>5</sup> 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. CCRVDF25 (2021) agreed to re-establish the EWG on edible animal tissues (including edible offal) to continue to work with the CCPR/EWG-Classification on issues pertaining to harmonization of MRLs for compounds with dual uses<sup>6</sup>.

<b>Timetable for work</b>	The conclusions and recommendations of the EWG should be submitted to the Codex Secretariat for distribution and consideration by CCPR53 by not later than <b>30 April 2022</b>
<b>Email for registration</b>	<a href="mailto:uscodex@usda.gov">uscodex@usda.gov</a> with a copy to <a href="mailto:info@codexalimentarius.nl">info@codexalimentarius.nl</a>
<b>Registration deadline</b>	<b>31 December 2021</b>
<b>EWG online platform</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Codex Members and Observers are invited to register their experts for this EWG.

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

### The EWG platform

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

User-Group name: **CCPR-Classification (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.

<sup>1</sup> REP17/EXEC2, paragraph 19

<sup>2</sup> REP18/PR, paragraphs 9 and 152

<sup>3</sup> REP18/RVDF paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 95

<sup>4</sup> REP18/EXEC1, paragraphs 27-28

<sup>5</sup> REP19/EXEC2, paragraph 20

<sup>6</sup> REP21/RVDF, paragraph 116

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.

*EWG Chair and Co-Chair (USA and Netherlands)*

*Codex Contact Points of USA and Netherlands*