



Electronic Working Group (EWG) Invitation

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE (CCFH)

Invitation to participate in the electronic working group (EWG) on the revision of the *Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the control of Viruses in Food (CXG 79-2012)*

This message is sent on behalf of Canada and the Netherlands

Title	REVISION OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE TO THE CONTROL OF VIRUSES IN FOOD (CXG 79-2012)
Committee	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)
Session	54th Session
Chair of EWG	Canada
Co-Chairs	The Netherlands
Working Languages	English ¹
Description of work	CCFH 54 agreed to establish an EWG, chaired by Canada and co-chaired by the Netherlands, and working in English, to prepare, subject to approval of the Commission, the proposed draft revision of the Guidelines for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration at CCFH55 and full alignment with the text of CXC 1-1969 as necessary (REP24/FH para. 185-186).
Timetable for work	The tentative timetable for the work is as follows: September 16th 2024 – Due date for EWG member registration. Three months before CCFH55 – Report and revised Guidelines submitted to Codex Secretariat. Consultation with EWG: November 4th 2024 – Draft revision of the Guidelines posted on the EWG Forum for comments. January 6th 2025 – Comments due from EWG members. May 5th 2025 – Draft revision of the Guidelines posted on the EWG Forum for comments. June 9th 2025 – Comments due from EWG members.
Email for registration	cathy.breau@hc-sc.gc.ca
Registration deadline	September 16 th 2024
EWG online platform	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.

¹ Comments in French also accepted

The EWG platform

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

Usergroup name: Revision of Virus Guidelines (CXG 79-2012)

The platform will require members to login. New participants to the platform should first register. ([online guide](#), [video tutorial](#))

The EWG chair will give participants access to the usergroup 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. Once your CCP has sent your application you can request to join the EWG usergroup directly on the platform. You do not need to create a new registration if you have previously used the platform.

Technical support

For all technical assistance regarding the platform please contact the platform administrator (Codex Secretariat) using the Contact link on the platform homepage or via codex@fao.org.

We look forward to your participation.

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