

CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH)
**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP ON THE REVISED
PROPOSED DRAFT STANDARD FOR OREGANO**

To: All Codex members and observers

At its 3rd session, the CCSCH established an eWG, chaired by Turkey and co-chaired by Mexico, working in English to revise the draft standard for Oregano.

Turkey and Mexico kindly invite all interested Codex members and observers to assist in this task.

Please submit the name, affiliation, contact details and e-mail address of the contact person designated to participate in this working group by **May 20, 2017**, to: betul.vazgecer@tarim.gov.tr (chair of the eWG); ahmet.gungor@tarim.gov.tr; codexmex@economia.gob.mx and daniel.gonzalezs@economia.gob.mx

Codex members and observers wishing to participate in this eWG should send their nominations as indicated above. Applications should be sent through or with a copy to the Codex Contact Point of the member country or recognized observer organization.

The eWG will be run over an online bulletin board. With this system we hope to achieve a better flow of information, greater security and increased transparency.

The bulletin board will require you to login. You will be provided with the link once participant credentials have been verified.

Below is the proposed working schedule:

Action	Deadline
Registration of Working Group Members	25 May 2017
Lead Countries start work via online platform	1 June 2017
Finalization of drafting of the proposed draft Standard by EWG	30 April 2018
Submission of the EWG Report by host countries to the Codex Secretariat	30 May 2018

Yours sincerely,

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