

CODEX COMMITTEE ON SPICES AND CULINARY HERBS (CCSCH)

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTRONIC WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP THE GROUP STANDARD FOR “DRIED ROOTS, RHIZOMES AND BULBS” - SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIED GARLIC

To: All Codex members and observers

The Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs, at its 3rd Session (CCSCH3 2017), agreed to recommend to CAC to approve the proposed strategy for developing horizontal group standards which would enable the Committee to increase its outputs as well as complete its work in a defined time. The Committee also agreed to establish an eWG led by India and Mali working in English to elaborate the specific requirements for the dried garlic in the group standard for “*Dried Roots, Rhizomes and Bulbs*” for circulation for comments at Step 3 and consideration at its next Session. In undertaking this work, this EWG (dried garlic) will closely collaborate with the EWG on “dehydrated or dried ginger” to develop the overall group standard for “*Dried Roots, Rhizomes and Bulbs*”.

India and Mali kindly invite the Codex Members and observers interested in participating in this eWG to provide the name(s), official title and e-mail address of their representatives designated to participate in this working group by **July 31, 2017**, to: ccsch.anand@gmail.com (Chair of the eWG); codex-india@nic.in and dkiteoumou24@yahoo.fr, scodexmali@yahoo.fr (Co-chair of the eWG).

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

The eWG will be run via the online platform. With this system we hope to achieve a better flow of information, greater security and increased transparency.

The online platform 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 |
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| Registration of Working Group Members | July 31, 2017 |
| Circulation of first draft of the working document by the host countries | September 15, 2017 |
| Deadline for comments on the first draft | November 15, 2017 |
| Circulation of second draft of the working document by the host countries | January 15, 2018 |
| Deadline for comments on the second draft | March 15, 2018 |
| Submission of the EWG Report by host countries to the Codex Secretariat | May 30, 2018 |

Yours sincerely,

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