

## CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE

### **Invitation to Participate in the Electronic Working Group on the Guidance for histamine control in the Codex of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (CAC/RCP 52-2003) and sampling plans for histamines in standards for fish and fishery products.**

At the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the CCFH, the Committee agreed to establish an EWG, hosted by Japan and co-hosted by the United States of America, working in English with the following terms of reference:

- (i) Revise control guidance of the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products for the “hazard of scombrototoxin fish poisoning”, using histamine as the marker biogenic amine for control, and using a GHP and HACCP-based approach, for circulation for comments at Step 3.
- (ii) Ensure that the guidance covers the entire food chain (harvesting, storage, handling, processing, and distribution).
- (iii) Include, where appropriate, scientific information about histamine formation with the purpose of informing on the importance of time/temperature controls.
- (iv) Consider if any products covered by the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products need specialized or revised control guidance.
- (v) Consider based on the review of scientific literature by FAO/WHO, the inclusion of Salmonidae in the list of susceptible species in the table which will be adopted from the FAO/WHO Table 2.3

### **Invitation to the eWG**

The co-chairs are pleased to invite interested Codex members and observers to participate in the eWG. Members and observers who wish to participate should provide the following information through the Contact Points to [codexj@mhlw.go.jp](mailto:codexj@mhlw.go.jp) with a copy to [toyofuku@yamaguchi-u.ac.jp](mailto:toyofuku@yamaguchi-u.ac.jp) and [clarke.beaudry@fda.gov](mailto:clarke.beaudry@fda.gov) **before 15 January 2017**

We look forward to working with you.

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