

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

To: all Codex members and observers

The 3rd Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH3) agreed to establish an electronic Working Group (eWG) hosted by Indonesia, working in English, to start new work for the development of commodity standards for Nutmeg based on the concept of group standards i.e. category of "Dried Seeds" (REP17/SCH, para 82 a & b).

Indonesia invites Codex members and observer organizations that are interested in participating in the eWG to provide the following information to jomunarso@gmail.com (chair eWG) with a copy to bidang_kps@yahoo.co.id by 15 July 2017:

- Participant's name;
- Official title;
- Name of country, member organization or organization that has an observer status in Codex
- Email address.

Applications should be sent through or with a copy to the Codex Contact Point of the member or recognized observer organization. As part of a pilot program the eWG will be run over a 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:

| Proposed timeline | Lead Countries |
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| 15 May 2017 | Kick-off messages by host Country |
| 15 July 2017 | Deadline for Registration of Working Group participants |
| 30 September 2017 | Circulation of 1 st draft of the working document |
| 15 December 2017 | Deadline for submission of comments for 1 st draft |
| 15 February 2018 | Circulation of 2 nd draft of the working document |
| 30 March 2018 | Deadline for submission of comments for 2 nd draft |
| May 2018 | Submission of the EWG Report by host countries to the Codex Secretariat |
| June – October 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Translation of EWG report in French and Spanish and circulation of the draft standard at Step 3- Comments at Step 3 |

Sincerely yours,
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