

Invitation to participate in the Electronic Working Group for the development of the Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Fermented Noni Juice

The 14th Session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for North America and the South West Pacific (CCNASWP) (September 2016) agreed to return the proposed draft regional standard for fermented noni juice to step 2/3 for redrafting by an electronic working group led by Tonga.

The Committee agreed to prepare a revised version of the proposed draft standard incorporating the comments submitted at step 3 prior to the 14th Session of CCNASWP as contained in CX/NASWP 16/14/9 Add 1 and CX/NASWP 16/14/9 Add 2.

The Committee also noted that data would need to be collected and/or generated by members of the region in order to submit to the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) for the safety assessment of Scopoletin to occur.

Proposed timeline

Activity	Deadline
Registration of participants	18 December 2016
First draft circulated for comments	18 January 2017
First round comments due to Tonga	18 March 2017
Second draft circulated for comments	1 May 2017
Second round comments due to Tonga	31 August 2017
Final paper and eWG report circulated	16 November 2017
Final comments due to Tonga	19 January 2018
Final paper submitted to Codex Secretariat	February 2018

As part of a pilot programme the eWG will be run over an online bulletin board¹. 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 details once participant credentials have been verified.

Codex members and observers interested in participating in this electronic working group should send the contact details to mafsoils@kalianet.to (or viliamitoaleimanu@yahoo.com) including the official's name, title and email address by no later than **18 December 2017**.

Kind Regards

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