

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CCRVDF EWG – DISCUSSION PAPER ON EDIBLE OFFAL TISSUE.

To: all Codex members and observers

The CCRVDF at its 23rd session agreed to establish an eWG chaired by Kenya, working in English, to prepare a discussion paper in response to the request from 81st JECFA for CCRVDF to “provide a definition of edible offal”. The discussion paper will propose a possible definition of edible offal tissue and specify edible offal tissues of interest in international trade.

Kenya invites those members and observer organizations that are interested in participating in the eWG to provide the following information to aazegele@kilimo.go.ke, nsongok@kilimo.go.ke and akothe@kebs.org not later than 15th January 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. Working group members will be expected to develop and provide their countries’ response to the questions related to the objectives of this discussion paper. The questions will be made available once the eWG members are identified.

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:

Action	Date
Registration of Working Group participants	15 th January 2017
Questions circulated	30 th January 2017
Deadline for submission	31 st May 2017
Draft report for comments	31 st July 2017
Deadline for comments on draft report	30 th September 2017
Submission of the discussion paper to Codex Secretariat for distribution	31 st December 2017

Sincerely yours,

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