

Annex 1**Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)
102nd meeting****TBA, 9 to 18 June 2026****List of substances scheduled for evaluation or re-evaluation**

General information: Links to the available electronic versions of the reports published in the WHO Technical Report Series, monographs published in the WHO Food Additives Series, and specifications that are referenced below are available at the JECFA web pages of FAO and WHO:

- <http://www.fao.org/food-safety/resources/publications/en/>
- [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/publications](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/publications)

FAO and WHO procedural guidelines and guidelines for the preparation of chemical and technical assessments (CTA), toxicological working papers on food additives, intake assessment, and flavouring agents are available at:

- <https://openknowledge.fao.org/handle/20.500.14283/at896e> (CTA guidelines)
- [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/procedural-guidance](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/procedural-guidance)

Appendix B of the guidelines for the preparation of working papers on the intake of food additives provides guidance to countries submitting their national assessments of intake.

[https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/procedural-guidance](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/procedural-guidance)

Previous reports and monographs should be consulted to obtain background information on the previous evaluations. Detailed bibliographical references are available on page 7

1. Food additives for which requests have been received for evaluation or re-evaluation by the 55th session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (REP 25 /FA - Appendix XI)⁽¹⁾ and pending re-evaluations

1.1. Toxicological evaluation, exposure assessment and establishment of specifications of substances used as food additives

Food Additive	Reference (previous evaluations) and background	Information required
Beta-apo-8'-carotenal (INS 160e) and beta-carotenes (INS 160a(i), 160a(ii), 160a(iii), 160a(iv))	Report of the 55 th session of CCFA, REP 25/FA - Appendix XI ⁽¹⁾ 87 th monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽²⁾ 74 th monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽³⁾ 57 th monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽⁴⁾ 18 th monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽⁵⁾	All data necessary for the re-assessment of dietary intake.
Monk Fruit extract	Report of the 55 th session of CCFA, REP 25/FA - Appendix XI ⁽¹⁾	All data necessary for assessment of safety, dietary intake and specifications.
Neohesperidin Dihydrochalcone	Report of the 55 th session of CCFA, REP 25/FA - Appendix XI ⁽¹⁾	All data necessary for assessment of safety, dietary intake and specifications.
Phosphates Sodium dihydrogen phosphate (INS 339(i)) Disodium hydrogen phosphate (INS 339(ii)) Trisodium phosphate (INS 339(iii)) Potassium dihydrogen phosphate (INS 340(i)) Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate (INS 340 (ii)) Tripotassium phosphate (INS 340(iii))	Report of the 55 th session of CCFA, REP 25/FA - Appendix XI ⁽¹⁾ 26 th monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽⁸⁾	All data necessary for re-assessment of safety, dietary intake and specifications, including addressing consumption for infants under 12 weeks of age.
Potassium bisulfite (INS 228)	Report of the 55 th session of CCFA, REP 25/FA - Appendix XI ⁽¹⁾ 51 st monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽⁶⁾	All data necessary for re-assessment of safety, dietary intake and specifications

Food Additive	Reference (previous evaluations) and background	Information required
Polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate (INS 432), Polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monooleate (INS 433), Polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monopalmitate (INS 434), Polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monostearate (INS 435), Polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan tristearate (INS 436)	Report of the 55 th session of CCFA, REP 25/FA - Appendix XI ⁽¹⁾ 17 th monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽⁷⁾	All data necessary for re-assessment of safety, dietary intake and specifications
Steviol glycosides (Framework of)	Report of the 55 th session of CCFA, REP 25/FA - Appendix XI ⁽¹⁾ Specifications Monograph of the 91 st JECFA meeting ^a 87 th monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽²⁾ 82 nd monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽¹⁰⁾	All data necessary for the assessment of safety, dietary intake and specifications for assessing a new method of manufacturing to produce enzyme modified steviol glycosides using 1. Alternative sources for the genes to modify the E. coli to manufacture the enzymes that transform a stevia extract product to Rebaudioside M and 2. An additional enzyme.
Sorbitan monostearate (INS 491); Sorbitan tristearate (INS 492); Sorbitan monolaurate (INS 493), Sorbitan monooleate (INS 494); Sorbitan monopalmitate (INS 495)	Report of the 55 th session of CCFA, REP 25/FA - Appendix XI ⁽¹⁾ 89 th monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽⁹⁾ 17 th monograph of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives ⁽⁷⁾	All data necessary for re-assessment of safety, dietary intake and specifications

1.2 For establishment of specifications

Substance	Reference (previous evaluations) and background	Information required
Activated carbon (activated charcoal)	Report of the 14 th session of CCCF, REP21/CF ⁽¹¹⁾ Compendium of Food Additives Specifications 10 ^b	All data necessary for reviewing specifications for lead.
Diatomaceous earth	Report of the 14 th session of CCCF, REP21/CF ⁽¹¹⁾	All data necessary for reviewing specifications for lead.
Bentonite (INS 558)	Report of the 14 th session of CCCF, REP21/CF ⁽¹¹⁾	All data necessary for establishment of specifications for lead.

^a <https://openknowledge.fao.org/server/api/core/bitstreams/b9e735d4-de91-450f-b587-cd7f7ab590d0/content>

^b <https://www.fao.org/food-safety/resources/publications/en/>

2. Review of the list of acceptable previous cargoes as requested by the 28th session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (REP24/FO)

Non-food-grade calcium lignosulfonate liquid (CAS number: 8061-52-7)	Report of the 90 th JECFA meeting ^a	Sufficient chemical and toxicological information that allows the evaluation of non-food-grade calcium lignosulfonate liquid as shipped. At a minimum, this information should address the following: molecular weight range(s), chemical component identification and relative composition; toxicological data on representative products.
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1. Report of the 55th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 24-28 March 2025 (REP25/FA) https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?Ink=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-711-55%252F%25E2%2598%2585Final%2Breport%252FREP25_FAe.pdf
2. Monograph of the 87th meeting of JECFA <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240001312>
3. Monograph of the 74th meeting of JECFA
4. <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241660655>
5. Monograph of the 57th meeting of JECFA <http://www.inchem.org/documents/jecfa/jecmono/v48je04.htm>
6. Monograph of the 18th meeting of JECFA <http://www.inchem.org/documents/jecfa/jecmono/v06je14.htm>
7. Monograph of the 51st meeting of JECFA <http://www.inchem.org/documents/jecfa/jecmono/v042je06.htm>
8. Monograph of the 17th meeting of JECFA <http://www.inchem.org/documents/jecfa/jecmono/v05je47.htm>
9. Monograph of the 26th meeting of JECFA <http://www.inchem.org/documents/jecfa/jecmono/v17je22.htm>
10. Monograph of the 89th meeting of JECFA
11. <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240038448>
12. Monograph of the 82nd meeting of JECFA <https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/258934/9789241660730-eng.pdf#page=189>
13. Report of the 14th session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCCF), virtual, 3-7 and 13 May 2021 (REP21/CF) www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?Ink=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-735-14%252FREPORT%252FFinalReport%252FREP21_CFe.pdf

^a <https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/363392/9789240036925-eng.pdf?sequence=1>

Annex 2**JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES****BACKGROUND**

The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) was established in the mid-1950s by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to assess chemical additives in food on an international basis. The first meeting was held in 1956 in response to recommendations made at an FAO/WHO Conference on Food Additives that met in Geneva in 1955.

In the early 1960s the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), which is an international intergovernmental body, was established. The primary aims of the CAC are to protect the health of the consumer and facilitate international trade in food. At the time that the CAC was formed it was decided that JECFA would provide expert advice to Codex on matters relating to food additives. A system was established whereby the Codex Committee on Food Additives, a general subject committee, identified food additives that should receive priority attention, which were then referred to JECFA for assessment before being considered for inclusion in Codex Food Standards.

This system is still in place, but it has been expanded to include food contaminants and residues of veterinary drugs in food to provide advice to the presently-existing Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA), Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF) and Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF). JECFA also provides scientific advice directly to FAO and WHO Member States, and requests for assessment may come directly from them. JECFA is not a component of the CAC.

Specialists invited to serve as Members of JECFA are independent scientists who serve in their individual capacities as experts, and not as representatives of their governments or employers. The goal is to establish safe levels of intake and to develop specifications for identity and purity (food additives) or maximum residue limits when veterinary drugs are used in accordance with good practice in the use of veterinary drugs.

The reports of previous JECFA meetings are published in the WHO Technical Report Series ([https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/publications/reports](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/publications/reports)). The toxicological evaluations that summarize the data that serve as the basis for the safety assessments, are published in the WHO Food Additives Series [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/publications/toxicological-monographs](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/publications/toxicological-monographs).

The specifications and veterinary drug residue evaluations are published in the FAO JECFA Monographs. The Combined Compendium of Food Additive Specifications of all current JECFA specifications is available on-line <http://www.fao.org/food-safety/resources/publications/en/> (Select “JECFA monographs” in the “Categories” window and click “Search”. The updated database on specifications for flavouring agents is available at <http://www.fao.org/food/food-safety-quality/scientific-advice/jecfa/jecfa-flav/en/>. The Chemical Technical Assessments are available at <http://www.fao.org/food-safety/resources/publications/en/> (Select “JECFA chemical and technical assessments” in the “Categories” window and click “Search”).

A *Summary of Evaluations* performed by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives, a comprehensive searchable database that summarizes all JECFA evaluations from the first through recent meetings, is available at [https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-\(jecfa\)/publications/summary-reports](https://www.who.int/groups/joint-fao-who-expert-committee-on-food-additives-(jecfa)/publications/summary-reports)