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JOINT FAO/WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES (JECFA)

FAO/WHO Roster of experts for JECFA for exposure assessment of chemicals in food

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The Committee

The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) is an international expert scientific committee that is administered jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). It has been meeting since 1956, initially to evaluate the safety of food additives. Its work now also includes the evaluation of contaminants, naturally occurring toxicants and residues of veterinary drugs in food.

JECFA normally meets twice a year with individual agendas covering either (i) food additives, contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food or (ii) residues of veterinary drugs in food. The membership of the meetings varies accordingly, with different sets of experts being called on depending on the subject matter.

Selection of experts and membership of the Committee

FAO and WHO have complementary functions in selecting experts to serve on the Committee. FAO is responsible for selecting members with chemical expertise for the development of specifications for the identity and purity of food additives, for the assessment of residue levels of veterinary drugs in food, and to assess the quality of monitoring data for contaminants and factors influencing their occurrence in foods. WHO is responsible for selecting members for the toxicological evaluations of the substances under consideration, in order to establish acceptable daily intakes (ADIs), or other relevant guidance values, or to give a quantitative estimate of the health risk. Both FAO and WHO invite members who are responsible for assessing exposure.

Both organizations establish listings of experts, called rosters; appointments are for a period of five years. Experts are selected from those rosters for each meeting, in which capacity they either attend the meeting as members or assist the Secretariat with preparatory work before the meeting and usually participate in the meeting itself. The selection of members for each meeting is made after a careful consideration of the scientific credentials of the various candidates, and a balance of scientific expertise and other experience that is considered essential considering the items on the agenda of the meeting.

Being a joint committee of FAO and WHO, the organizational framework of JECFA complies with the rules of both organizations. The selection process for experts is undertaken in mutual consultation by the Joint Secretariats. When calling for and selecting experts, FAO and WHO assure that selections complement each other. The selection process respects as well FAO and WHO policies on regional representation and gender balance.

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Mr	Andersen	Jens Hinge	National Food Institute, Danish Technical University, Søborg	Denmark
Mr	Arcella	Davide	European Food Safety Authority, Parma	Italy
Dr	Arvidson	Kirk Brendon	US Food and Drug Administration, College Park, MD	USA
Ms	Baines	Janis	Food Standards Australia New Zealand, Canberra	Australia
Dr	Boon	Polly	National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)	Netherlands
Dr	Crepet	Amelie	French agency for food, environmental and occupational health safety (ANSES)	France
Mr	Cressey	Peter John	ESR (Institute of Environmental Science and Research Ltd.), Christchurch	New Zealand
Dr	DiNovi	Michael J	US Food and Drug Administration, College Park, MD	USA
Dr	Edwards	Alison	US Food and Drug Administration, College Park, MD	USA
Ms	Hambridge	Tracy	Food Standards Australia New Zealand, Canberra	Australia
Dr	Leblanc	Jean Charles	French agency for food, environmental and occupational health safety (ANSES)	France

Dr	Pearson	Andrew	Ministry of Primary Industries	New Zealand
Dr	Reuss	Rainer	Food Standards Australia New Zealand, Canberra	Australia
Dr	Shirima	Candida Philip	Tanzania Bureau of Standards	Tanzania
Dr	Sirot	Veronique	French agency for food, environmental and occupational health safety (ANSES)	France
Dr	Spungen	Judith	US Food and Drug Administration, College Park, MD	USA
Dr	Wu	Yongning	China National Center of Food Safety Risk Assessment, Beijing	China
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