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## **PREFACE**

The monographs contained in this volume were prepared at the eighty-third meeting of the Joint Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)/World Health Organization (WHO) Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), which met at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy, on 8–17 November 2016. These monographs summarize the data on selected food additives, including flavouring agents, reviewed by the Committee.

The eighty-third report of JECFA has been published by WHO as WHO Technical Report No. 1002. Reports and other documents resulting from previous meetings of JECFA are listed in Annex 1. The participants in the meeting are listed in Annex 3 of the present publication.

JECFA serves as a scentific advisory body to FAO, WHO, their Member States and the Codex Alimentarius Commission, primarily through the Codex Committee on Food Additives, the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods and the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods, regarding the safety of food additives, residues of veterinary drugs, naturally occurring toxicants and contaminants in food. Committees accomplish this task by preparing reports of their meetings and publishing specifications or residue monographs and dietary exposure and toxicological monographs, such as those contained in this volume, on substances that they have considered.

The monographs contained in this volume are based on working papers that were prepared by WHO and FAO experts. A special acknowledgement is given at the beginning of each monograph to those who prepared these working papers. The monographs were edited by J. Odrowaz, Toronto, Canada.

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