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## PREFACE

The monographs contained in this volume were prepared at the eighty-sixth 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 WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 12–21 June 2018. These monographs summarize the data on selected food additives, including flavouring agents, reviewed by the Committee.

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