The 25th Session Overview

The 25th Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF25) will take place from May 25–29, 2020, in San Diego, California, at the InterContinental San Diego Hotel.

On-site registration (to collect your badges and other materials) will be available on Saturday, May 23 from 14:00 – 18:00, Sunday, May 24 from 08:00 - 18:00, and Monday, May 25 from 08:00 - 16:00.

On Sunday, May 24, there will be a physical Working Group (PWG) in the morning from 9:00-12:00 on the Priority List of Veterinary Drugs requiring evaluation or re-evaluation by the Joint FAO-WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), followed by two afternoon Side Events: Data Quality Submissions to JECFA and Feed Carryover (specific times to be determined (TBD)). The PWG and Side Events will be in the Plenary Room (Pacific Ballrooms C & D).

The 25th Session will begin on Monday, May 25, at 09:30 and will conclude after the adoption of the draft report on Friday, May 29.
Agenda

Saturday
MAY 23
14:00 – 18:00 Registration

Sunday
MAY 24
8:00 – 18:00 Registration
9:00 – 12:00 Physical working group (PWG):
Priority List of Veterinary Drugs requiring evaluation or re-evaluation by JECFA
TBD
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SIDE EVENT: Data Quality
SIDE EVENT: Feed Carryover

Monday
MAY 25
08:00 – 16:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:30 New Delegate Training
09:30 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony
10:00 – 12:30 Plenary AM Session
12:30 – 14:30 Lunch
14:30 – 16:00 Plenary PM Session 1
16:00 – 16:30 Break
16:30 – 18:00 Plenary PM Session 2
19:00 – 21:00 Welcome Reception

Tuesday
MAY 26
09:00 – 10:30 Plenary AM Session 1
10:30 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 12:30 Plenary AM Session 2
12:30 – 14:30 Lunch
14:30 – 16:00 Plenary PM Session 1
16:00 – 16:30 Break
16:30 – 18:00 Plenary PM Session 2

Wednesday
MAY 27
09:00 – 10:30 Plenary AM Session 1
10:30 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 12:30 Plenary AM Session 2
12:30 – 14:30 Lunch
14:30 – 16:00 Plenary PM Session 1
16:00 – 16:30 Break
16:30 – 18:00 Plenary PM Session 2

Thursday
MAY 28
ALL DAY Report Writing

Friday
MAY 29
08:00 Report Available
09:00-12:00 Report Adoption
Designated CCRVDF25 meeting space at the InterContinental San Diego Hotel:

- **Plenary** – Pacific Ballrooms C & D
- **Breakfast** – Pacific Ballroom B (for delegates staying at the InterContinental)
- **Registration** – Pacific Ballroom A
The CCRVDF Secretariat has also assigned, starting from May 23 until May 29, the following meeting rooms/offices:

- CCASIA – BALBOA A
- CCAFICA – BALBOA B
- CCLAC – BROADWAY A
- CCNEA – BROADWAY B
- CCEURO – HOSPITALITY A
- AD HOC – HOSPITALITY B
- CCNASWP – HARBOR (2ND FLOOR)
- CCRVDF CHAIR – EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM (2ND FLOOR)
- CODEX /JECFA SECRETARIATS – EMBARCADERO (2ND FLOOR)
- CCRVDF SECRETARIAT OFFICE – HOSPITALITY C
The Codex Secretariat uses the Codex Online Registration System (ORS) to track delegate registrations for CCRVDF25. Please ensure that your Codex Contact Point (for member countries and observer organizations) registers all members of your delegation for the upcoming session, via the following link:


Please note that the invitation to CCRVDF25 issued by FAO and WHO requests that delegates register by April 25, 2020.

We encourage all delegates who expect to attend CCRVDF25 to register well in advance to ensure that appropriate seating arrangements will be available at the meeting.

**Please note that the CCRVDF25 meeting registration is a separate process from the hotel reservations for sleeping accommodations at the San Diego InterContinental Hotel (please see section below “CCRVDF25 Venue Hotel”).**
Visa Requirements

If you require a visa to enter the United States, we strongly encourage you to begin the visa application process as soon as possible. Most delegates will be considered “independent travelers” and will need to apply for a B1/B2 visa. Diplomats and other foreign government officials traveling to the United States to engage solely in official duties or activities on behalf of their national government must obtain A-1 or A-2 visas prior to entering the United States. They cannot travel using visitor visas or under the Visa Waiver Program.

Additional information may be found at the following site:
https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html

According to the U.S. State Department, all government officials will need a diplomatic note to accompany the visa application. In addition, many U.S. Embassies require in-person interviews that may take time to schedule and openings may not be available at the last moment.

Please consult the nearest U.S. Embassy for additional guidance. Although the U.S. Codex Office cannot influence the visa process, we will assist in any way we can, including providing registration confirmation letters to each registered delegate. It is the responsibility of delegates to begin the visa application process in a timely manner, and if this is not done well in advance, it may not be possible to obtain a visa in time to attend the meeting.

We believe it is important that delegates from all Member Countries and Organizations have the opportunity to participate in Codex meetings. Completing and submitting the visa application promptly will ensure that the work of Codex accurately reflects the views and contributions of all its Members.
San Diego is the second largest city in the state of California and the eighth largest in the United States. It is located on the Pacific Ocean coast and shares the border with the Mexican city of Tijuana, making it an international metropolitan area.

What is now the city of San Diego was the first U.S. West Coast site to be discovered, making it the “birthplace” of California. In 1542, the European explorer, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, claimed the port for the Spanish Empire and started the formation of what eventually became the settlement of Alta California. When Mexico won its independence from Spain in 1821, San Diego became a Mexican territory. As the United States expanded westward, they fought to take over Alta California during the Mexican-American War of 1846-1848. In 1850, California was admitted as the 31st state to the United States and San Diego County was incorporated as a city.

Today, San Diego’s economy primarily evolves around the military, tourism, research and manufacturing, and biotechnology. San Diego has been heavily involved in military and defense since the days of World War II, and it currently hosts the largest naval fleet in the world.

San Diego is a waterfront city steeped in history and culture. We hope you enjoy its top-notch restaurants, beautiful state parks, pristine beaches, and an impressive array of world-class attractions.
FLYING TO SAN DIEGO

San Diego’s primary airport is San Diego International Airport (SAN). It is conveniently located three miles (5 km) from the downtown area and the InterContinental San Diego Hotel. In addition to numerous domestic flights, San Diego has several nonstop international flights to/from Canada, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE INTERCONTINENTAL SAN DIEGO HOTEL

TAXIS and RIDE SHARES (Uber/Lyft)

Taxis and Ride Share Services (Uber/Lyft) are the most convenient mode of transportation to and from the airport. Typically, ride share services are less expensive than taxis. Uber and Lyft riders may request a private car or a shared car, which will pick other passengers up along the way and discount your ride cost. To use Uber or Lyft, you must download the respective mobile app.

From SAN, the InterContinental San Diego Hotel takes approximately 7-15 minutes depending on traffic.

TAXIS

• Costs are approximately $12-$17

• To pick up a taxi at the airport, simply follow the signs leading to the “Transportation Plaza.” A customer service representative will place you with the first available taxi.

RIDE SHARE (Uber/Lyft)

• Costs are approximately $9 - $12 (for a private car)

• Pick-up can be coordinated at the designated “Ride Share” passenger pickup locations below:

  • Terminal 1:
    Exit baggage claim via the escalators
    Walk across the Sky Bridge toward Ground Transportation and the parking lot
    Exit down the escalators toward the parking lot,
    Turn right to the Transportation Plaza.
    Use crosswalk to the third lane for Ride Share pick-up area.
    See signage for assistance

  • Terminal 2:
    Upon exiting baggage claim, use main crosswalk to Transportation Plaza
    Ride Share pick-up is located in the second lane on the right
    See signage for assistance

***For more information on how to download the apps, additional fares, and first-time user promo codes go to:

https://www.lyft.com/rider/airports/san
The InterContinental San Diego is a brand new luxury hotel with top-notch meeting space situated on the downtown waterfront. Its location allows guests to easily step out and explore San Diego’s top attractions or relax and take in the beautiful view of the bay.

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https://www.intercontinentalsandiego.com

Hotel check-in: 15:00
Hotel check-out: 11:00
Please **CLICK HERE**, to book, modify and cancel your hotel reservations online. **Please note that this link only work on computers and is not tablet or mobile friendly.**

The reservation link automatically populates availability for the following dates: May 23-30, 2020. Guest should click on “change search” to personalize their dates of stay.

The CCRVDF25 special rate of $195.08 USD per night (single or double occupancy) already includes the 12.75% sales tax. This rate also includes complimentary breakfast buffet and WIFI in the guest rooms. **Please note the daily amenity fee of $28.19 USD (listed on the reservation page) will be waived for your entire stay.**

You will need to provide a credit card to secure your room reservation. At that time, your credit card will be charged a one-night deposit (which will apply to your final bill) and an additional amenity fee of $28.19 USD (which will be waived).

We encourage all delegates to secure a hotel reservation as early as possible.

If your plans change and you can no longer attend CCRVDF25, you may cancel your hotel reservation, without penalty, up to 72 hours prior to your arrival.

Please note the special rate is available only until April 28, 2020. Any hotel reservations requested after this date will be based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations early!

**HOTEL SERVICES**
- 2 restaurants, 3 bars, and Starbucks
- 24-hour room service
- Concierge
- Club InterContinental
- Business center
- Relaxation pool with cabanas
- 3,300 sq. ft. health and wellness center
- Lane Field Park
- Pet-friendly accommodations
- Valet and self-parking

**HOTEL GUEST ROOMS**
Standard in-room features include:
- Built-in USB outlets
- Flat-screen TVs
- On-demand movies
- Keurig coffeemaker (with complimentary coffee and tea)
- Cozy robes and slippers
- Luxurious bath amenities
- Hairdryer
- Clock/radio
- Chaise lounge
- Writing desks and chairs
- Mini bar
- Iron and ironing board
- In-room safe
- Dry cleaning pickup
- Same-day dry cleaning
- Laundry valet
- Walk-in showers
WEATHER
• San Diego is known for its beautiful year-round temperate climate.
• Average temperatures for late May in San Diego are approximately
21°C (70°F) during the day and 16°C (60°F) at night.
• It is a good idea to layer your clothing, so that you can remove or
add garments as needed for comfort.

ELECTRICAL CURRENT
• Electrical appliances operate on 110 volts (60Hz).
• Power outlets accommodate two prong or three prong plugs.

CURRENCY
• United States Dollar ($ or USD)
• ATM Machines and Currency Exchange are available at the airport
upon arrival and in the area surrounding the InterContinental
Hotel.
• Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are the most
widely accepted credit cards.
• You may use your bank card or credit card as long as you have a
4 digit pin and/or a chip.

TIPS AND TAXES
• All prices are subject to 7.75% sales tax in the city of San Diego
which is typically not included in the price.
• Please note that taxi/rideshare fares and restaurant bills do not
include gratuities. It is therefore customary in the United States
to add a 15-20% tip when paying a bill.
Around San Diego

San Diego has earned the name “California’s Beach City” with a near perfect climate, a spectacular coastline, world-class attractions, a thriving urban core, sophisticated art culture, and a vibrant dining and nightlife scene.

Explore some of San Diego’s encompassing neighborhoods that all have something unique to offer (i.e., historic Gaslamp Quarter, Old Town, Little Italy, Coronado, La Jolla). Head North to tour San Diego’s wine country; east to hike in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park; west to the 70 miles (113 km) of Pacific Ocean coastline and beaches; south to the Mexican border to experience Tijuana!

Less than 3 miles (5 km) from the InterContinental Hotel is Balboa Park. It is the largest urban cultural park in the United States and home to 15 museums, numerous art galleries, beautiful gardens, the Tony Award-winning Old Globe Theatre, and the world-famous San Diego Zoo. San Diego County also features 92 golf courses, world class shopping, luxury spas, a dynamic downtown district. San Diego is also home to 2 professional sports teams and has number of special events, festivals and celebrations year round!

CCRVDF25 will feature a Tour Desk where you may learn about all that the San Diego area has to offer as well as book a variety of sightseeing options, excursions, and activities during your free time.

For more information on major attractions, tours, sporting events, and more, explore these websites:
https://www.sandiego.org/explore.aspx
Local Attractions

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<td>1. San Diego Hop On, Hop Off Trolley</td>
<td>0.01mi (0.01km)</td>
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<td>2. USS Midway Museum</td>
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<td>3. Seaport Village</td>
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<td>4. Maritime Museum of Dan Diego</td>
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<td>5. Gaslamp Quarter</td>
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<td>6. Balboa Park</td>
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<td>7. San Diego Museum of Art (in Balboa Park)</td>
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<td>8. San Diego Zoo (in Balboa Park)</td>
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<td>10. Sunset Cliffs Natural Park</td>
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<td>11. San Diego Whale Watch</td>
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<td>12. Coronado Island</td>
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<td>13. Mission Beach &amp; Belmont Park</td>
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*Approximate Distance from InterContinental San Diego
We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information or questions about the upcoming CCRVDF25 meeting, please contact the CCRVDF Secretariat, at this email address:

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