25th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import & Export Inspection & Certification Systems

27 April to 1 May 2020 - Hobart, Tasmania
The Codex Australia Secretariat welcomes you to the 25th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems held in Hobart at the Grand Chancellor Hotel from 27 April to 1 May 2020.

In addition, the following Physical Working Groups (PWGs) will meet at the same location:

- Guidance on paperless use of electronic certificates – Saturday 25 April from 9.00am to 1.15pm
- Draft Principles and Guidelines for the assessment and use of voluntary Third-party Assurance (vTPA) – Saturday 25 April from 2.30pm to 6.45pm
- Guidelines related to equivalence – Sunday 26 April from 8.30am to 3.30pm
- Food Fraud workshop – Tuesday 28 April from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

Major Bushfires have recently severely affected a number of states across Australia, however most destinations in Australia remain safe and continue to welcome visitors. To date Hobart and surrounds have not been impacted by these fires. The official fire season will end March 2020 and while there are no general warnings against travelling to Australia, all travellers are encouraged to seek the most up to date information prior to departure, and remain informed about changing conditions whilst on the ground. Tourism Australia has a dedicated section of the website that tells people which areas might be affected. The Australian Government’s Bureau of Meteorology also provides overall weather updates for all parts of Australia. Codex Australia will also continue to provide delegates with any further updates.
Anzac Day 25 April 2020 – Public Holiday in Australia

Anzac Day is one of Australia’s most important national commemorative occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. 'ANZAC' stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Every year, thousands of people join together to pay tribute to and remember those who have served.

Anzac Day is celebrated on April 25 annually and is recognised as a public holiday in all Australian state and territories, regardless of the day it falls on. It is a day that Australia commemorates with services and marches in cities and towns and throughout the world where servicemen, servicewomen and peacekeepers are stationed, to remember all those who lost their lives in service to their country, in all wars.

On Anzac Day shops will remain closed until 1pm unless they are predominately food and/or grocery stores in which case they are permitted to open.

Contact Details for Australia Codex Contact Point

If you would like additional information or have any questions about the session, please contact the Australian Codex Contact Point at codex.contact@agriculture.gov.au. The Australian Codex Secretariat will be located at the Harbour View Room Two for the duration of this meeting.
Hobart, capital of Australia's island state of Tasmania, sits on the River Derwent. With a population of approximately 232,000 (over 40% of Tasmania's population), Hobart is the second-oldest city in Australia (after Sydney).

This picturesque city is a busy seaport, notably serving as the home port for Australia's (and France's) Antarctic activities. It supports several other industries (notably including a high-speed catamaran factory and a zinc smelter) as well as a vibrant tourist industry. Visitors come to the city to explore its historic inner suburbs, to visit the weekly craft market in Salamanca Place, as well as to use the town as a base from which to explore the rest of Tasmania.

Salamanca Place, a short walk from the waterfront, has galleries, theatres, craft shops and restaurants in 1830s Georgian warehouses and on Saturdays Australia's best outdoor market, Salamanca Market, offers food and entertainment. Please note the Salamanca Market will not be open on Saturday 25 April 2020, as it is Anzac Day. The Market will instead be held on Sunday 26 April 2020. The market is open from 8.30am to 3.00pm

Further details on things to do in Hobart are provided in this package.
A limited number of rooms have been reserved for booking for CCFICS delegates at:

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart**

1 Davey Street

Hobart, TAS 7000

The hotel is located in the waterfront precinct and boasts spectacular, unmatched views over working fishing boats, motor cruisers and yachts. The hotel is also just a short walk away from popular attractions such as Salamanca Place, The Markets, Battery Point, the MONA Ferry and the Central Business District.

Rooms available include:

- MOUNTAIN SIDE Room Only - $230.00 per night
- HARBOUR VIEW Room Only - $265.00 per night

Complimentary WIFI is available in all accommodation rooms for guest use. This service is suitable for emailing, web browsing and social media use. Additional dedicated services are available if required at a charge to guests on request. This WIFI can be accessed in guest rooms only (not available in conference rooms). A dedicated WIFI service will be available in the conference room.

Located inside the hotel, right on the waterfront is the Restaurant Tasman a restaurant and bar open seven days for buffet breakfast and a la carte dinner. A fully cooked buffet breakfast is available during the conference for $32.00pp per day.

To book please use the link to the [Hotel Reservations](#) page or you can call (03) 6235 4535 and specifying that you will be attending the Codex Meeting in April 2020.
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| 1. Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel 4.5*  
1 Macquarie Street, Hobart  
| 2. Macq01 5*  
18 Hunter Street, Hobart  
| 3. Zero Davey 4*  
15 Hunter Street, Hobart  
| 4. Mantra on Collins 4*  
58 Collins Street, Hobart  
| 5. Somerset on the Pier 4.5*  
1 Elizabeth Street, Hobart  
| 6. Ibis Styles 4*  
173 Macquarie, Hobart  
| 7. Travelodge Hobart 3.5*  
167 Macquarie Street, Hobart  
| 8. Hadley's Orient Hotel 4.5*  
34 Murray Street, Hobart  
| 9. RACV/RACT Hobart Apartment Hotel 4.5*  
154-156 Collins Street, Hobart  
| 10. Henry Jones Art Hotel 5*  
25 Hunter Street Hobart  
[https://thehenryjones.com/](https://thehenryjones.com/) |
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

Registration

The Australian Secretariat is using the Codex Online Registration System (ORS) to register delegates for the CCFICS meeting via the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/registration/en. We would encourage all delegates who expect to attend CCFICS 25 to register well in advance to ensure that appropriate seating arrangements will be available for them at the meeting. Please note that there may be instances in case of large delegations, that not all country delegates will be able to be accommodated at the country designated space. In these instances, there will be space available in other parts of the room.

For first time delegates, a seminar will be held in the on Sunday 26 April 2020 from 4.00pm to 4.30pm. Details of the location of this seminar will be provided at the meeting venue.

Onsite Registration

The registration desk will be open from

- Saturday 25 April 2020 from 8.30am to 10.00am, 11.00am to 12pm, Federation Foyer
- Sunday 26 April 2020 from 8.30am to 10.00am, Federation Foyer
- Monday 27 April 2020 from 8.00am to 9.30am, Federation Foyer

Delegates must register at the desk before entering the meeting. Delegates are encouraged to bring a business card with them when registering to assist in the review and finalisation of the official participants list.

Working Documents

All working documents for the meeting are available online at www.codexalimentarius.org. No hard copy documents will be available at the meeting (except Conference Room Documents).

Internet/Wi-Fi

Internet will be available to delegates in the plenary from Monday 27 April through to Friday 1 May.

Prayer Room

A prayer room is available for use during the conference. Please contact the Australian Codex Secretariat (see details in welcome note).
VISA REQUIREMENTS

It is important that you lodge your visa application as soon as possible and at least six weeks before your intended travel to allow sufficient time for processing. Codex Australia will not be able to provide individual invitation letters to facilitate visa applications. Anyone who is not an Australian citizen needs a valid visa to enter and spend time in Australia. There are different visas for tourists, business people, sports people, students and others.

All visas must be obtained before travelling. Visitors can apply for Australian visas at Australian government missions overseas or electronically through travel agents and airlines in many parts of the world. For more information please visit https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit.

With your application you should lodge:
- The official invitation letter for CCFICS (see website for invitation);
- A letter from your current employer confirming your employment, the purpose of your visit and employer contribution (if any) to your expenses;
- Evidence of travel arrangements (flight itinerary, tickets, etc);
- Evidence of sufficient funds to meet any personal expenses; and
- Your valid passport and application fee
GETTING THERE

Hobart Airport is located in Cambridge, 17 km northeast of Hobart. It is the major passenger airport in Tasmania.

The airport maintains a conjoined international and domestic terminal. Most international visitors to Tasmania enter Australia in other major cities such as Melbourne and Sydney. The major airlines servicing Hobart airport are Qantas, Jetstar Airways, Virgin Australia and Tiger Air Australia operating domestic flights predominantly to and from Melbourne and Sydney airports. Although the airport has not had a regularly scheduled international passenger service since 1998, the airport maintains customs and immigration facilities for aircraft entering the country. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hobart_Airport - cite note-new_master-6

From the airport you can catch the Hobart Express Service, Uber or a taxi service. Further information can be found at: Hobart: Transport to and from the Airport
OFFSITE ACTIVITIES

Hobart offers a contrasting blend of heritage, scenery and culture, with world class activities and attractions. Here are just a few suggestions:

1. **MONA**
   Museum, Winery, Brewery
   [www.mona.net.au](http://www.mona.net.au)

2. **Salamanca Place**
   Warehouse art, galleries, theatres, cafes and bars
   Saturday markets (Except on Sunday 26 April 2020 due to Anzac day)

3. **Mt Wellington / kunanyi**
   Nature, Scenery, Mountain Bike Riding, bush walking
   [https://www.wellingtonpark.org.au/](https://www.wellingtonpark.org.au/)

4. **Willie Smiths Apple Shed**
   Fresh produce, organic cider, apple museum

5. **Hobart Walking Tours**
   Hobart Tours, history, Tasmanian Produce tours

6. **Port Arthur Historic Site**
   Colonial history
   [www.portarthur.org.au](http://www.portarthur.org.au)

7. **Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary**
   Wildlife, nature, wilderness experiences

8. **Pennicott Wilderness Journeys**
   See unique wilderness and wildlife areas

Information on further attractions can be found at [www.viator.com/hobart-tourism](http://www.viator.com/hobart-tourism)
EATING AND SHOPPING

Shopping
Hobart has a number of shopping centres not far from the Grand Chancellor Hotel. A map will be included in your delegation bag.

Eating
Hobart is Australia's smallest capital city, but in recent years it has emerged as one of the country's finest and freshest dining destinations. Flavours here are driven by the surrounding sea and Tasmania's exquisite local produce, creating a range of tastes that transition between international and uniquely Tasmanian. The prime dining hubs are the city docks, Salamanca and North Hobart, but reasonably priced cafés and restaurants abound throughout the city and its inner suburbs. You can find further details at Hobart's best cheap eats - Tourism Australia
Climate - “4 seasons in one day”
The climate of Hobart, is oceanic, with mild, rainy winters and cool, quite rainy summers. Tasmania is the southernmost state of Australia, and comprises the main island plus some smaller islands. The wind blows frequently as well. Hobart is located in the southeast, and receives 570 millimetres (22.5 inches) of rain per year, which is not much, but the rains are well distributed over the seasons (although summer is the least rainy season), and often occur in the form of frequent drizzle and brief showers. The weather averages for the month of April is High/20 degrees Celsius and Low/10 degrees Celsius.

Time Zone
Australian Eastern Standard Time (EST) is GMT + 10 Hours.

Currency
Australian dollar AUD $1.00 = 100 cents
Currency exchange facilities are available at all international airports and key tourist centres. ATMs are widely available. Major credit cards are accepted at most shops, hotels and restaurants, with American Express, Bankcard, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa the most common.
Most banks are open from 9.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and from 9.30am to 4.30/5.00pm on Friday. Bureau de Change facilities have more flexible hours and are generally open at night and on weekends. You will need to check the website (Travelex) for further information.