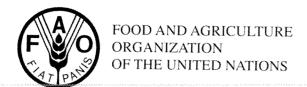
## codex alimentarius commission







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## Invitation to the Ninth Session of the CODEX COMMITTEE ON MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS Auckland, New Zealand, 1-5 February 2010 Reply requested by 15 December 2009

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Director-General of the World Health Organization have the honour to extend an invitation to attend the above Session which will be held in the Ballroom of the Rendezvous Hotel, Mayoral Drive and Vincent Street, Auckland at the kind invitation of the Government of New Zealand. The Session will begin at 09.30 hours on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010. Registration facilities will be open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 from 07.30 hours. The physical Working Group on the draft Amendment to the Codex Standard for Fermented Milk Pertaining to Drinks based on Fermented Milk will meet on Sunday 31 January 2010 at 09.00 at the Tasman I Room, Rendezvous Hotel, Auckland. The physical Working Group meeting will be conducted in English only. The planned physical Working Group on Processed Cheese has been cancelled.

The Session is being convened under the authority of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and is open to Member Nations and Associate Members of both Organizations, and to observers. Member Nations and Associate Members of both Organizations which are not Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission may attend as observers. Expenses incurred in connection with attendance at sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and travel of delegations of the Members of the Commission and of the observers shall be borne by the governments or organizations concerned.

The Session will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. Arrangements for simultaneous interpretation will be the responsibility of the Host Government.

The Provisional Agenda is enclosed. Further documents will be available for downloading at <a href="http://www.codexalimentarius.net">http://www.codexalimentarius.net</a> as soon as they are available.

The Directors-General of FAO and WHO would appreciate being informed by 15 December 2009 of the names, official titles and addresses of the representatives or observers designated to attend. This information should be sent to the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products, New Zealand Food Safety Authority, 68 - 86 Jervois Quay, P.O. Box 2835, Wellington, New Zealand (Facsimile: +64 4 894 2530 or E-mail: Audrey.Taulalo@nzfsa.govt.nz), with a copy to the Chief, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, c/ FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (Facsimile: +39 06 570 54593 or E-mail: codex@fao.org).

Participants are advised to enquire at the nearest New Zealand Embassy or Consulate, at least 30 days before the start of the meeting, to determine whether visas or other documents are required to enter New Zealand.

This invitation is sent to addressees of invited countries in the official mailing lists of FAO and WHO, as follows:

## For ACTION, as appropriate:

Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministries of Agriculture or Ministries of Health, as appropriate Central Contact Points for FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission matters

## For INFORMATION:

FAO Regional and Subregional Offices
FAO Liaison Offices
FAO Representatives
WHO Regional Offices
WHO Representatives
Permanent Missions to the UN Office at
Geneva or to the Specialized Agencies
Permanent Representations to FAO/ Embassies in Rome

This invitation is also being sent to heads of selected international organizations.