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## Invitation to the Thirteenth Session of the CODEX COMMITTEE ON RESIDUES OF VETERINARY DRUGS IN FOODS Charleston, South Carolina, 4 - 7 December 2001

### **Reply requested by 2 November 2001**

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 at the Boardwalk Inn, Wild Dunes, Isle of Palms, Charleston, South Carolina, at the kind invitation of the Government of the United States of America. The Session will begin at 10.00 hours on Tuesday, 4 December 2001. Registration facilities will be open at 09.00 hours. The *Ad Hoc* Working Groups on Methods of Analysis and Sampling and on Priorities will meet on Monday, 3 December 2001 at 08.30 and 14.00 hours, respectively, at the same location.

The Session is being convened under the authority of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and is open to Member Nations and Associate Members of the Commission, 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 despatched as soon as they are available.

The Directors-General of FAO and WHO would appreciate being informed by <u>2 November 2001</u> of the names, official titles and addresses of the representatives or observers designated to attend. This information should be sent to the U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, US Department of Agriculture, Room 4861, South Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250, USA (Fax No.: +1.202.720.3157; e-mail: uscodex@usda.gov), with a copy to the Chief, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy.

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

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

#### For INFORMATION:

FAO Regional and Sub-Regional 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.