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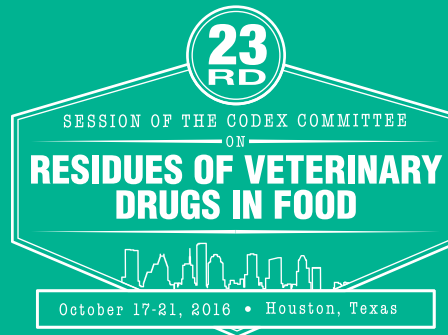
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October 17-21, 2016 • Houston, Texas



THE 23RD SESSION OVERVIEW

The 23rd Session of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF) will take place from October 17 – 21, 2016 in Houston, Texas, USA.

The session will begin on Monday, October 17 at 9:30 am and conclude after the report adoption on Friday, October 21.

The meeting of the Working Group on Unintended Presence of Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food Commodities Resulting from the Carry-Over of Drug Residues into Feed will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2016 from 09:00 am to 12:00 pm at the same venue. In addition, side events are planned for Sunday afternoon in the same venue.

The Codex Secretariat is using the Codex Online Registration System (ORS) to register delegates for the meeting. Your Codex Contact Point can access this system at:

www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/login/en/

Please note that the invitation to CCRVDF 23 issued by the Directors General of FAO and WHO requests that delegates register by September 17, 2016.

All delegates who expect to attend CCRVDF 23 are encouraged to register to ensure appropriate seating arrangements can be provided for them at the meeting.

Meeting registration is a separate process from the hotel lodging reservations which should be completed as soon as possible to be guaranteed the preferred per diem group rates.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY
Oct 15

14:00 - 17:00
Registration

SUNDAY
Oct 16



09:00 - 12:00

**Unintended Presence
of Residues of
Veterinary Drugs in
Food Commodities
Resulting from the
Carry-Over of Drug
Residues into Feed**

14:00 - 17:00
CCRVDF SIDE EVENTS

17:00 - 18:00
**NEW DELEGATE
TRAINING**

MONDAY
Oct 17

8:00
Registration

09:00 - 09:30
Opening Ceremony

09:30 - 09:45
Break

09:45 - 12:30
Plenary Session

12:30 - 14:30
Lunch on Own

14:30 - 16:00
Plenary PM Session 1

16:00 - 16:30
Refreshments

16:30 - 18:00
Plenary PM Session 2

18:00 - 20:30
Welcome Reception

TUESDAY
Oct 18

09:00 - 10:30
Plenary Session AM 1

10:30 - 11:00
Refreshments

11:00 - 12:30
Plenary Session AM 2

12:30 - 14:30
Lunch on Own

14:30 - 16:00
Plenary PM Session 1

16:00 - 16:30
Refreshments

16:30 - 18:00
Plenary PM Session 2

WEDNESDAY
Oct 19

09:00 - 10:30
Plenary Session AM 1

10:30 - 11:00
Refreshments

11:00 - 12:30
Plenary Session AM 2

12:30 - 14:30
Lunch on Own

14:30 - 16:00
Plenary PM Session 1

16:00 - 16:30
Refreshments

16:30 - 18:00
Plenary PM Session 2

THURSDAY
October 20

Report Writing Day

FRIDAY
Oct 21

08:00
Report Available

09:00
Report Adoption





HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please click this [LINK](#) to reserve your hotel room now at the Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria. If your plans change, you may cancel without penalty up until October 1, 2016. Demand in Houston is high in October and we encourage you to secure a reservation with the CCRVDF room block as early as possible. Your credit card will not be charged until arrival at the hotel.

CCRVDF VENUE HOTEL
ROYAL SONESTA HOUSTON
GALLERIA
2222 West Loop South
Houston, TX, USA 77027
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Located in the heart of the Galleria area, the newly renovated, AAA rated Four Diamond Royal Sonesta Hotel Houston is in the shopping, dining and entertainment hub of Uptown Houston. This hotel also features a restaurant & bar, spacious accommodations with complimentary basic high-speed Internet, and excellent space for meetings and conferences. There is a complimentary shuttle that drives around a three-mile radius, based on availability.





VISA INFORMATION

Obtaining a U.S. visa can be a multi-step and time consuming process.

Therefore delegates are strongly encouraged to immediately inquire at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate to determine if a visa is required and if so, the steps required to obtain the visa.

Although the U.S. Codex Office cannot influence the visa process, they will assist in any way they can, including providing notification of registration. It is the responsibility of delegates to begin the process in a timely manner, and if this is not done well in advance of the meeting, it may not be possible to obtain a visa in time to attend the meeting. We recommend that at a minimum, delegates start the visa process at least 8 weeks prior to the meeting, and even this is not a guarantee that you will obtain your visa in time.



HOW TO GET TO HOUSTON

Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and Hobby Airport (HOU) serve Houston:

- Nonstop service to 116 domestic destinations
- Nonstop or direct service to 96 international destinations
- Houston is the largest hub for the newly merged United Airlines.

IAH is located 20 miles from downtown Houston and 28 miles from the CCRVDF host hotel in the Galleria area.

Houston also offers Amtrak train connections.



GROUND TRANSPORTATION

In order to bridge the distance between the airport and your hotel, visitors have multiple transport options.

- George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)
- Distance: 28 MI/45.06 KM North to Hotel
- Super Shuttle Charge (one way): \$27.00
- William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)
- Distance: 16 MI/25.75 KM South East to Hotel
- Super Shuttle Charge (one way): \$24.00

SUPER SHUTTLE

This shared-ride service transports travelers to and from their private address, office or hotel. It takes longer than a taxi due to more frequent stops but may be more affordable, especially if traveling alone. Private limousines are also available. For fare quotes and reservations go to www.supershuttle.com

PUBLIC METRO BUSES

- The public bus route 102 serves IAH and downtown locations.
- Service runs Monday through Sunday, from approximately 5am until midnight.
- To check schedules and plan your trip, go to ridemetro.org.

TRAIN

- Station Name: AmTrak Houston - Downtown
- Distance: 9 MI/14.48 KM South East to Hotel

TAXIS

All destinations within Houston city limits are charged according to the zone or meter rate, whichever is less.

APPROXIMATE FARES FROM IAH ARE:

- \$60 to Galleria/Medical Center area
- \$73 to Hobby Airport
- There is a late night surcharge of \$1 per trip (8pm-6am)



GROUND TRANSPORTATION (CONT)
**\$6 TAXI FARE ANYWHERE
DOWNTOWN**

The City of Houston has authorized a flat taxi fare of \$6 for all trips in the downtown area.

This \$6 fare will apply anywhere within the Central Business District, bounded by Interstate 45, Interstate 10 and U.S. 59. No surcharges will apply to the fare, which can accommodate multiple riders under the \$6 total rate. Taxi stands are designated areas where cabs can “stand” and wait for a fare. Additionally, there are at least 30 “hailing cab” icons on various downtown streets, which mark that particular site as a three-minute zone where taxis can briefly stop to pick up and drop off passengers.

METRO RAIL

The recently expanded light rail provides service along nearly 23 miles of central Houston.

Catch this economically priced rail to more than 100 dining and nightlife options, professional sports arenas, cultural institutions and the largest medical center in the world.

Tickets cost \$1.25 (one-way) and can be purchased using cash or credit at all rail stops

METRO RAIL HOURS ARE:

- **04:30am - 11:40pm (M-TH)**
- **04:30am - 02:20am (F)**
- **05:30am - 02:20am (SAT)**
- **05:30am - 11:40pm (SUN)**

Travel time from end to end is 30 minutes

For METRO Rail information, call +713.635.4000 or visit www.RideMetro.org



ABOUT HOUSTON

After more than a decade of unparalleled growth, Texas's biggest city is now America's fourth largest, and according to several studies, its youngest (more millennials than boomers) and its most ethnically and culturally diverse.

With more than 2.2 million residents, the city attracts visitors with a wonderful mix of world-class arts, booming business, pro sports and award-winning cuisine.

Visit Downtown during your stay and discover a thriving professional arts scene, with professional resident companies in ballet, opera, symphony and theater; only four other U.S. cities can say the same. And the nearby Museum District stakes its claim as the country's fourth largest, with 18 cultural powerhouses set within blocks of one another.

Not surprisingly, businesses also recognize the allure of Houston's offerings. Twenty-five companies on the Fortune 500 list call the Energy Capital of the World home. Aeronautic research is unsurpassed at NASA headquarters—the facility responsible for putting the first man on the moon—and Texas Medical Center remains the largest in the world with 47 highly lauded research and treatment institutions.

Houston's temperate climate sustains tropical vegetation and allows the city's residents and visitors an enviable outdoor lifestyle.

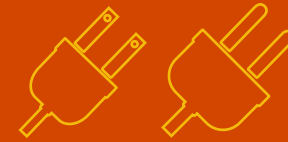
During your stay we expect day-time temperatures to be around 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24 degrees Celsius) and not colder than in the 60 degrees Fahrenheit (15 degrees Celsius) during the night time hours.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK

visithoustontexas.com

[36 Hours in Houston — New York Times Article](#)

[Houston's Top 10 Tourist Attractions](#)



ELECTRICAL CURRENT

- Electrical appliances operate on 110 volts (60Hz).
- Power outlets accommodate two prong or three-prong plugs
- If these plugs are different from those used in your country you will need to bring a converter.



CURRENCY, TIP & TAX

- The currency in the United States is the U.S. dollar (\$).
- ATM machines and currency exchange are available at the airport upon arrival in Houston. An ATM machine is also available at the Royal Sonesta
- Credit Cards accepted: American Express, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, Diners Club and JCB
- You can use a bank or credit card as long as you have a four-digit PIN.

TIP & TAX

- All prices are subject to a 6.25% sales tax in Texas.
- Please note, taxi fares and restaurant bills do not include gratuities. It is therefore customary to add a 15-20% tip when settling a bill.

INTERNET

- Free Wi-Fi internet service will be available in the Session and delegation rooms as well as the lobby and your guest room (when staying at the Royal Sonesta Houston).



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- The Galleria – 375 stores and ice rink, complimentary shuttle from the hotel
- Houston Zoo
- Museum District – 18 museums
- Jogging or golf at Memorial Park
- Williams Tower Water Wall
- Theater District
- Hermann Park
- Sam Houston Park and Heritage Sites
- Uptown Park entertainment and gardens
- Day trip to the Johnson Space Center

CCRVDF will feature a Tour Desk during registration where you can book a variety of sightseeing options, excursions and tickets.

To make reservations or get additional information in advance, please email our on-site concierge, Sabina@vivacreative.com

FOR FREE THINGS TO DO IN HOUSTON CLICK:

www.visithoustontexas.com/things-to-do/attractions/free-things-to-do/

For any additional questions, please contact the CCRVDF Secretariat:

+1.202.205.7760

CCRVDF-USSEC@fsis.usda.gov



A black and white photograph of the Houston skyline, featuring several skyscrapers, viewed from a distance across a park with dense trees and a winding path. The image is partially overlaid with a large orange triangle on the left and a teal triangle at the bottom left, separated by a yellow diagonal line. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU IN
HOUSTON, TEXAS!**