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# codex alimentarius commission



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## JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

### CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

#### *Thirty-first Session*

*International Conference Centre, Geneva, 30 June – 4 July 2008*

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Thirty-first Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission will be held at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (Salle I), 17 rue Varembé, Geneva, Switzerland, from Monday 30 June until Friday 4 July 2008. The meeting will commence at 10:00 hrs on Monday 30 June.
2. The Session is open to Member Nations and Associate Members of FAO and WHO which are 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. The Session is also open to the public subject to the availability of seats, and to the media.
3. 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. Participants are also reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.
4. Members of the Commission attending the Session shall have one representative, who may be accompanied by one or more alternates or advisers. No delegate may represent more than one Member Nation or Associate Member.
5. Immediately upon arrival, delegates are requested to register at the Reception Desk in the main entrance hall. Registration facilities will open at 08:00 on Monday 30 June. Persons intending to participate at the Session may wish to refer to the **Guide for Delegates** for detailed information about facilities and services available in the CICC.

Working documents will be uploaded onto the Codex website:

[www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index\\_en.jsp](http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index_en.jsp) Delegates are kindly requested to bring with them to the meeting all documents which have been distributed, as the number of additional copies which can be made available at the session is limited.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEDIA

6. Members of the media are advised to contact the Media Offices of FAO and WHO for press accreditation:

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## LANGUAGES

7. The Session will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation facilities will be provided in these languages.

## MEETING TIMES, TIMETABLE AND TIMETABLE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

8. The Commission will normally meet in from 09:30 to 12:30 and from 14:30 to 17:30 with the exception of the first day when the morning session will commence at 10:00.

9. Because the Commission's Rules of Procedure governing the composition of the Executive Committee require that not more than one delegate from any one country shall be a member of the Executive Committee (Rule V.1), the elections will take place in the following sequence:

Order	Election	Eligibility
1.	Election of Chairperson	Delegates from all Member Nations.
2.	Election of Vice-Chairpersons	Delegates from all Member Nations except the nation of the Chairperson.

10. The Provisional Timetable, including the timetable for nominations and elections of Officers, has been circulated with the Provisional Agenda for the session (see ALINORM 08/31/1).