



**CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOODS (CCCF)
TENTH SESSION
INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

INTRODUCTION

From 4 April – 8 April 2016 approximately 230 experts and policy makers from around the world will gather in Rotterdam for the 10th meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods.

This information note provides practical information to conference participants.

VENUE AND DATES

The Government of the Netherlands is hosting this meeting, which will be held at the World Trade Center (WTC) in Rotterdam from 4 – 8 April 2016.

WTC Convention Center
Rotterdam Hall
Beursplein 37
3011 AA Rotterdam
The Netherlands

<http://www.postillionhotels.com/en-us/postillion-hotel-wtc/>

The official opening ceremony will take place on Monday 4 April at 09:00 hours.

REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Participants are invited to pre-register through the Online Registration System (ORS). Your Codex Contact Point can access this system at: codexalimentarius.org/login.

Registration of participants will take place at the World Trade Center on:

Sunday 3 April 2016: from 16:00–19:00

Monday 4 April 2016: from 08:00–16:00

Name badges will be distributed at the registration desk. Delegates are requested to wear name badges visibly in order to gain admittance to the Rotterdam Hall.

FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO THE NETHERLANDS

Participants are advised to contact the Embassy of the Government of The Netherlands as soon as possible in order to allow sufficient time for the processing of visa applications. A visa can be applied for starting three months prior to arrival in The Netherlands, it is not possible to obtain a visa at the airports on arrival.

To facilitate the issuance of a visa, a personal invitation letter from the Government of The Netherlands **can be sent after pre-registration**. For a personal invitation to support visa applications, please send an email to t.z.j.akesson@minez.nl.

Information on visa procedures including a list of relevant Netherlands Embassies and consulates is available by using the following link:

<https://www.government.nl/topics/visa-for-the-netherlands-and-the-caribbean-parts-of-the-kingdom/question-and-answer/how-do-i-apply-for-a-visa-for-the-netherlands>

In case of problems with the visa applications, please send an email to: t.z.j.akesson@minez.nl

ACCESS TO THE NETHERLANDS / ARRIVAL DETAILS

The international airport in the Netherlands is Amsterdam Schiphol Airport.

There is a direct train connection from Schiphol Airport to Rotterdam Centraal (Rotterdam Central Station).

A train ticket can be purchased at the desk of the Dutch Railway Company (Nederlandse Spoorwegen – NS) or at an NS ticket machine with a blue sign and white NS logo on top.

Make sure to buy a ticket in the railway station of the airport because it is not possible to buy one on the train.

Within Rotterdam there is an extensive system of public transport. For more information you can contact the information desk at the railway station in Rotterdam.

Taxis are also available at the station.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR DELEGATES

Delegates are reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation arrangements. It is highly recommended that you make a hotel reservation as soon as possible as April is a very busy month in Rotterdam.

The Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs has made block bookings with several hotels that apply only for reservations made **before the mentioned date**. Requests after this date are based upon availability. Please note that this price is excluding city tax. Reservation must be made with the hotels directly.

WIFI

WI-FI will be available at the meeting venue so working documents and other information can also be downloaded during the meeting.

SIDE EVENTS

Monday 4 April: Reception for all delegates

Wednesday 6 April: Reception for Heads of Delegation

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

Delegates are requested to bring their own documents to the meeting; these are available in English, French and Spanish on www.codexalimentarius.org. Conference Room Documents and any additional documentation will be available in their original language in the conference room.

<p>NH Atlanta Coolsingel/Aert van Nesstraat 4 3012 CA Rotterdam</p> <p>NHAtlantaRotterdam@nh-hotels.com</p>	<p>Standard twin room for single use: €139,00 Standard twin room for double use: €159,00</p> <p>Including breakfast</p>	<p>Please book before 1 February, after this date room will be available subject to availability for this special rate. Please click here or copy and paste the link below.</p> <p><u>http://www.nh-hotels.com/events/en/event-detail/28089/codex_committee_on_contaminants_in_foods.html</u></p>
<p>Holiday Inn Express Rotterdam – Central Station Weena 121 3013 CK Rotterdam</p> <p>sales@tvhg.com</p>	<p>Standard room single use: €129,00 Standard room double use: €134,00</p> <p>Including breakfast</p>	<p>Please book before 1 February, after this date room will be available subject to availability for this special rate. Please click here or copy and paste the link below.</p> <p><u>http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/rotterdam/rtmcs/hotel/detail?qAdlt=1&qBrs=6&qChld=0&qFRA=1&qGRM=0&qGrpCd=COD&qPSt=0&qRRSrt=rt&qRef=df&qRms=1&qRpn=1&qRpp=12&qSHp=1&qSmP=3&qSrt=sBR&qWch=0&sr_b_u=1&icdv=99801505&icdv=99801505</u></p>
<p>Hilton Weena 10 3012 CM Rotterdam</p> <p>Marjon.Zwaan@hilton.com</p>	<p>De Luxe room for single use: € 169,00 Including breakfast De Luxe room for double use: € 189,00</p> <p>Including breakfast</p>	<p>Please book before 1 February, after this date room will be available subject to availability for this special rate. Please click here or copy and paste the link below.</p> <p><u>http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/R/RTMHITW-GMIN01-20160402/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG</u></p>

Hotel rooms can also be booked on www.expedia.nl, www.ebookers.nl, www.booking.com etc.

BANKING FACILITIES

There are cash dispenser machines outside the WTC. They are in operation 24/7 and accept most cards.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Netherlands is Dutch. English is widely spoken.

TIME ZONE

The time in the Netherlands is GMT + 01:00 hour.

CLIMATE

The Netherlands has a moderate coastal climate with cool summers and mild winters. The average temperature (day time) in April is 8-12 degrees Celsius.

As rain is not uncommon at any time of the year, we advise participants to bring a raincoat or an umbrella.

ELECTRICITY

230 Volts, 50 Hertz

CURRENCY

Only the Euro will be accepted in the Netherlands. Major credit cards are accepted in most of the hotels and stores.

THE NETHERLANDS/ROTTERDAM

The Netherlands is best known for tulips, windmills and clogs. Kinderdijk's 19 windmills are on the World Heritage List. Dutch flowers are well known all over the world. The scenery ranges from flat polder land in the west and north to forest and heathery land in the middle, south and east.

Over the centuries, the Dutch had to protect themselves against water by building dikes and reclaiming land from the sea, thus creating famous lowland polders and impressive water defences.

Rotterdam is a city in the Netherlands and was granted city rights in 1340 by the Count of Holland and slowly grew into a major logistic and economic centre. Nowadays it is home to Europe's largest port and has a population of 624,799 (2014, city proper), ranking second in the Netherlands.

The city of Rotterdam is known for the Erasmus university, riverside setting, lively cultural life and its maritime heritage. The near-complete destruction of Rotterdam's city centre during World War II (known as the Rotterdam Blitz) has resulted in a varied architectural landscape including sky-scrapers, which are an uncommon sight in other Dutch cities. Rotterdam is home to some world-famous architecture from renowned architects like Rem Koolhaas, Piet Blom, Ben van Berkel and others. Recently Rotterdam was listed 8th in The Rough Guide Top 10 Cities to Visit and was voted 2015 European City of the Year by the Academy of Urbanism.

The port of Rotterdam is the largest cargo port in Europe and the 10th largest in the world. Rotterdam's logistic success is based on its strategic location on the North Sea.

INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

Questions regarding logistics could be directed to the Codex Contact Point by mail: info@codexalimentarius.nl