

47<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX

COMMITTEE ON

# Food Hygiene

CCFH

Boston  
Massachusetts

NOVEMBER 9-13, 2015



Food and Agriculture  
Organization of  
the United Nations

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World Health  
Organization

# Schedule of events

## SUNDAY Nov 8

**08:00 – 18:00**  
Registration

### ★ *Working GROUPS:*

**09:00 – 10:15**  
Working Group  
on Establishment  
of CCFH Work  
Priorities

**10:30 – 12:00**  
Working Group  
on the Guidelines  
on the Application  
of General  
Principles of  
Food Hygiene

**14:00 – 17:00**  
Working Group  
on the Control  
of Nontyphoidal  
Salmonella spp.  
in Beef and Pork

## MONDAY Nov 9

**08:00 – 18:00**  
Registration

**08:30 – 09:00**  
New Delegate  
Training

**09:30 – 10:00**  
Opening  
Ceremony

**10:00 – 12:30**  
Plenary AM  
session

**12:30 – 14:30**  
Lunch Break

**14:30 – 16:00**  
Plenary PM  
Session 1

**16:00 – 16:30**  
Break

**16:30 – 18:00**  
Plenary PM  
Session 2

**18:00 – 20:30**  
Welcome  
Reception

## TUESDAY Nov 10

**09:00 – 10:30**  
Plenary AM  
Session 1

**10:30 – 11:00**  
Break

**11:00 – 12:30**  
Plenary AM  
Session 2

**12:30 – 14:30**  
Lunch Break

**14:30 – 16:00**  
Plenary PM  
Session 1

**16:00 – 16:30**  
Break

**16:30 – 18:00**  
Plenary PM  
Sessions



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*Cambridge, Massachusetts*

## WEDNESDAY Nov 11

**09:00 – 10:30**  
Plenary AM  
Session 1

**10:30 – 11:00**  
Break

**11:00 – 12:30**  
Plenary AM  
Session 2

**12:30 – 14:30**  
Lunch Break

**14:30 – 16:00**  
Plenary PM  
Session 1

**16:00 – 16:30**  
Break

**16:30 – 18:00**  
Plenary PM  
Session 2

## THURSDAY Nov 12

Report  
Writing Day

## FRIDAY Nov 13

**08:00**  
Report  
Available

**09:00 – 12:00**  
Adoption of  
the Report

The 47th Session of the **Codex Committee on Food Hygiene** will take place from November 8 – 13, 2015, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The session will begin on Monday, November 9 at 9:30 a.m. There will be three working group meetings held at the venue hotel on Sunday, November 8, as indicated in the schedule to the left.

## Meeting Registration

The U.S. Codex Office is using the Codex Online Registration System (ORS) to register delegates for the meeting. Your Codex Contact Point can access this system at: [codexalimentarius.org/login](http://codexalimentarius.org/login). Please note that the invitation to CCFH issued by FAO and WHO requests that delegates register by October 9, 2015. All delegates who expect to attend CCFH 47 are encouraged to register to ensure appropriate seating arrangements can be provided for them at the meeting.

**Please note** that the meeting registration is a separate process from the hotel registration which should be completed by **October 1** to be guaranteed the preferred rates. Please refer to the information on the venue hotel for instructions on how to book your hotel reservations.

# Royal Sonesta Boston

HOTEL

Reservations deadline  
to secure the preferred  
CCFH rate is:

**OCTOBER 1, 2015**

**Book Now**

The 47th session of CCFH will take place at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, located on the banks of the Charles River in Cambridge, overlooking the Boston skyline.

Take in the most spectacular views along the Charles River from one of the best hotels in Boston. Freshly renovated with stylish updates and first-class amenities, the Royal Sonesta Boston couples modern design with chic comforts and is one of a select few Cambridge hotels to earn AAA's coveted Four Diamond Award.

The CCFH room block covers dates from Friday, November 6 to Sunday,

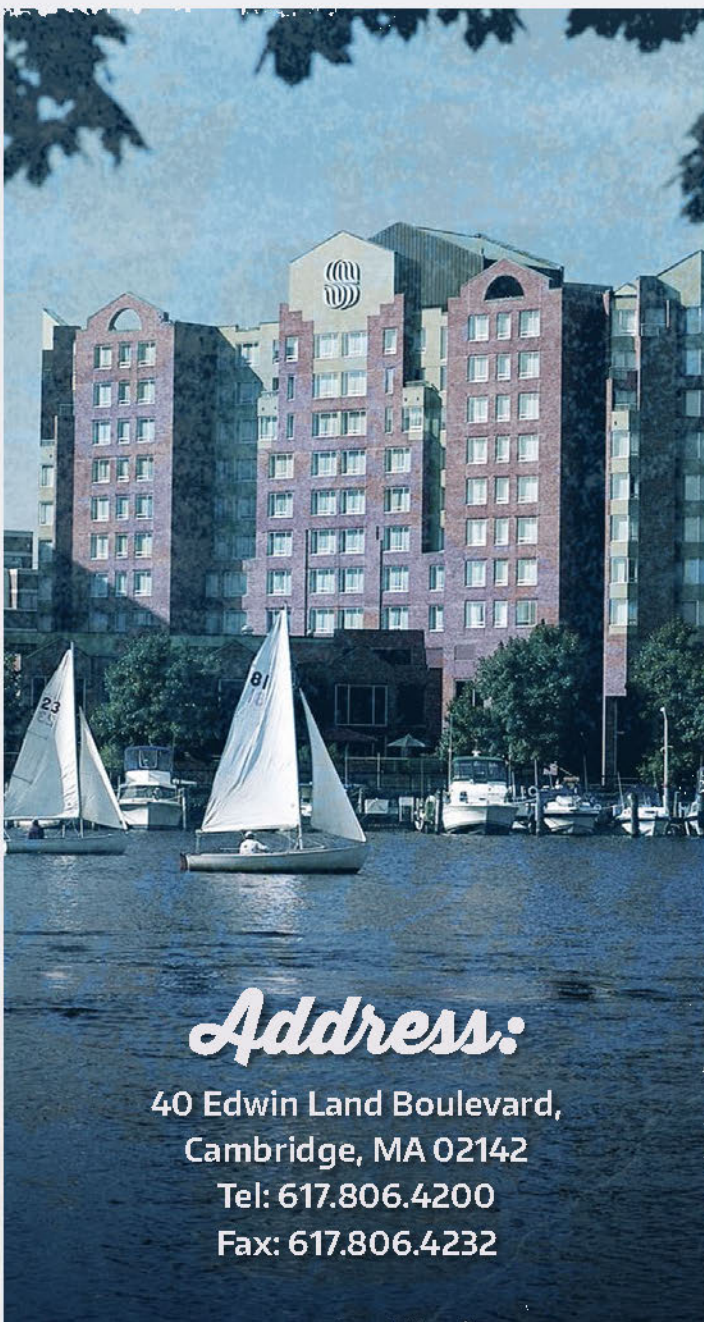
November 16, 2015. A special rate of \$179 including daily breakfast and complimentary in-room internet is available until October 1, 2015. Multiple occupancy is available at an additional \$15 per person per night. Taxes and service charge of 14.45% apply.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible to secure this preferred rate.

Reservations **must** be made through the official CCFH reservations link listed below and cannot be honored if booked through other channels.

**CCFH 47HOTEL RESERVATIONS** *Click here.*

Or cut and paste this link into your browser:  
<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=12050&Chain=5157&arrive=11/6/2015&depart=11/15/2015&adult=1&child=0&group=1106VIVACR>.



## Address:

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Cambridge, MA 02142  
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Boston is a wonderful blend of stylish sophistication and historic New England charm. You can easily uncover the city's past while enjoying its distinctively modern edge.

Year round Boston's calendar is brimming with exceptional musical and theatrical productions and annual performances, new exhibitions and

timeless favorites, walking tours or trolley tours, ethnic festivals and festivals of Food & Wine.

Wind through historic Boston on the Freedom Trail, tracing the steps and stories

of the American Revolution from the North End to Faneuil Hall. Learn about more recent history at the John F. Kennedy Library and the new EMK Senate Institute. On the Cambridge side, discover the redesigned Harvard Art Museums in their spectacular new home and stroll through storied Harvard Yard.

The country's first public library with more than 6 million volumes is equally a museum masterpiece filled with murals, frescoes, paintings and sculptures. Revel in the legendary collections of Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and visit the site of the country's legendary art heist, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Boston and Cambridge offer a great many diversions for every taste and you will find yourself on the doorstep to even more attractions all over New England.

# Boston

## ARRIVING IN BOSTON

Logan now serves 46 international destinations with nonstop service. The airport serves as a gateway to new markets around the world through direct flights to all major European capitals as well as Shanghai, Port-au-Prince, Mexico City, Tel Aviv, Hong Kong and many more.

## TO AND FROM LOGAN

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority) runs the public transportation in and around Boston. The subway lines are identified by colors.

From Logan Airport take the **Silver Line**. It is free to South Station, then switch to the **Red Line** to Kendall Square Station, which is within 5 minute walking from the hotel. Complimentary hotel shuttle available, see below. Total trip duration app. 40 minutes. Fares range from \$2.10-\$2.65 depending on time of day and applicable discounts.

More options for arrival to the Hotel via subway:

» **Green Line**—0.7 Miles: Take the Green Line MBTA trolley/bus to Lechmere Station. Exit and follow signs to Cambridge Street. Cross to First Street and walk along the Cambridge Side Galleria to Charles Street/Cambridge Side Place. Turn left and the Hotel will be at the end of the block.

» **Red Line**—1.2 Miles: Take the Red Line to Kendall Square Station. Exit station and cross the street to the MIT Coop. The "Wave" Shuttle Service picks up at this location on a posted schedule (Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-7p.m., Sun 12-7 p.m.). The shuttle bus will drop you off at the Cambridge Side Galleria, across the street from the hotel. Walk across Edwin Land Boulevard to the Hotel.

For all MBTA map and ticket options, click here: [http://www.mbta.com/fareand\\_passes/charlie/](http://www.mbta.com/fareand_passes/charlie/)

### TAXI AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Logan International Airport is just 3 miles from the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

Taxi Service is available to and from Logan Airport.

Travel from Logan Airport to the Royal Sonesta Hotel is provided by Boston taxi companies. Fares are a metered rate and may range from \$25-\$30 depending upon traffic conditions and the time of arrival.

Return travel from the Royal Sonesta back to Logan Airport is provided by Cambridge taxi companies.

Fares are flat rates, inclusive of all tolls, taxes and driver gratuities. Flat rates are structured as follows: Rush Hour (Weekdays only): 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. \$30.00 per taxi (1 - 4 passengers).

All other times, including Weekends: \$26.25 per taxi (1- 4 passengers), mini vans and station wagons are slightly more, all fees are subject to change.



Statue of Paul Revere in Boston North End

## SECURITY

The United States is a safe country and Boston and Cambridge are not known for violence; however you must follow minimum safety standards including:

- » Always be alert and aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- » Do not venture into isolated areas after dark.
- » According to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 272, Section 43A, smoking is strictly prohibited on all subways and trains as well as in hotels, restaurants and bars and inside public buildings.



## WEATHER AND GEAR

The first rule of Boston weather: no rules! A chilly, overcast morning can become a sunny, warm afternoon—and vice versa. Try to layer your clothing so that you can remove or add garments as needed for comfort. Rain may appear with little warning, so pack a raincoat and umbrella if you have the room. Boston is a great walking city—despite picturesque but bumpy cobblestone streets, brick walkways, and uneven asphalt—so be sure to bring comfortable shoes. In all seasons, it's often breezier (and colder) along the coast; carry a windbreaker, fleece jacket, or sweatshirt or hoodie when touring the beach or harbor areas.

November is characterized by rapidly falling daily high temperatures, with daily highs decreasing from 57°F to 47°F over the course of the month, it is also possible that temperatures exceed 68°F or drop below 35°F.

## CURRENCY, TIPS, TAX, INTERNET

### CURRENCY

- » The currency in the United States is the U.S. dollar (\$).
- » ATM machines and currency exchange are available at the airport upon arrival in Boston. 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 Massachusetts.
- » 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.

### ELECTRICAL CURRENT

- » Electrical appliances operate on 110 volts (60Hz).
- » Electricity outlets are two prong (type A).
- » If these plugs are different from those used in your country you will need to bring a converter plug.



### INTERNET

- » Free Wi-Fi internet service will be available in the Session and delegation rooms as well as the lobby and your guest room.

## 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. Consular 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.



# Tours & Attractions

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 We will offer all of these options for purchase to help you explore Boston and the greater New England area. Stay tuned for detailed information with prices and how to book tours in September.  
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The Sonesta Hotel is conveniently located next to a major shopping mall and adjacent to the Museum of Science. Harvard Square, MIT and Beacon Hill are just a few blocks away and a boardwalk along the Charles River offers the perfect running trail just outside your guest room.

Here is just a sampling of the many attractions and events Boston offers:



Old  
North  
Church

1. Freedom Trail Walking Tour
2. Plimoth Plantation and Cape Cod
3. Paul Revere and the American Revolution
4. Beacon Hill and the State House
5. Salem and the Witch Trials
6. John F. Kennedy Library and EMK Institute
7. Boston Harbor Cruise
8. Harvard Yard and the Harvard Art Museums
9. Museum of Fine Arts—American Wing
10. Concerts at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
11. Boston Symphony Concert
12. Fenway Park and the Boston Red Sox
13. Culinary Tour of the North End, Boston's Little Italy
14. Dining in Chinatown
15. Fall foliage at the Arnold Arboretum
16. The Maine Art Trail
17. Hiking in New Hampshire
18. Biking through Boston
19. Lobstering on Boston's North Shore
20. A world famous Aquarium and Museum of Science
21. Brewery Tours and Chocolate Tastings
22. Ride the 'Duck' and dip into the Charles River with this amphibious sightseeing bus

**Click**  
 on attractions  
 to read more

*For any additional  
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*We look forward  
to seeing you in  
Boston, Massachusetts*