48th Session
of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling
27/10/2024 - 01/11/2024
Québec City, Québec, Canada
THE 48TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELLING (CCFL48) WILL TAKE PLACE IN-PERSON FROM OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 1, 2024, IN QUÉBEC CITY, QUÉBEC, AT THE QUÉBEC CITY CONVENTION CENTRE.

THE WORKING GROUP ON E-COMMERCE WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON OCTOBER 16, 2024 FROM 15:00 – 18:00 CET IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH.

THE WORKING GROUP ON FOOD ALLERGEN LABELLING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON OCTOBER 21 AND 22, 2024 FROM 20:00 – 23:00 CET IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH.

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish during the virtual working groups and plenary meetings.

The Session will also be broadcast in listening mode in English, French and Spanish.
ONLINE REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PHYSICAL IN-PERSON MEETING SHOULD BE COMPLETED ONLINE THROUGH THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM (ORS), AT: HTTP://WWW.CODEXALIMENTARIUS.ORG/LOGIN/EN/.

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THOSE ATTENDING ONLY THE VIRTUAL WORKING GROUPS. IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ONLY THE VIRTUAL WORKING GROUPS, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO CODEX@FAO.ORG.

ONSITE REGISTRATION

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO PRESENT THEMSELVES AT THE QUÉBEC CITY CONVENTION CENTRE TO REGISTER AND RETRIEVE THEIR PASSES, WHICH ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. LOST PASSES SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE CANADIAN SECRETARIAT IN PERSON OR BY EMAIL AT: CODEX_CANADA@HC-SC.GC.CA.

REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE QUÉBEC CITY CONVENTION CENTRE IN THE FOYER OF THE PLENARY ROOM (306AB) AS FOLLOWS:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024, FROM 13:00 – 17:00
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024, FROM 07:30 - 16:00
The Québec City Convention Centre (Centre des Congrès de Québec) is centrally located in downtown Québec City within walking distance (5–20 minutes) of numerous natural, cultural, and historic sites and attractions (Old Québec, the Plains of Abraham, Parliament Hill, the Old Port, the Petit Champlain district, the arts district, Saint-Roch, and Grande Allée) and is just 30 minutes from the great outdoors and a wealth of outdoor activities in beautiful surroundings.

**WiFi at the Venue:**

High-speed Wi-Fi will be available throughout the Québec City Convention Centre.

**Seating:**

The CCFL Secretariat reserves the right to limit the number of chairs at the table to a certain number per delegation. Additional seating will be available at the back of the plenary room.
Québec City, the capital of the province of Québec, is located on the North shore of the St. Lawrence River where it meets the Rivière Saint-Charles. Québec City is the only walled city in North America and is known for the world-famous Château Frontenac, its rich history, its cobblestone streets, European architecture and fortifications. It is a piece of Europe in Canada. *Old Québec City* is an UNESCO World Heritage site and is a fortified city with over 400 years of history that is the birthplace of French North America.

Further information about the City of Québec and its attractions can be found at [Québec Tourism](http://www.quebectourism.org).
Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 26
13:00 – 17:00 ET - Registration

Sunday, October 27
7:30 – 16:00 - Registration
9:00 - 12:15 - Plenary
12:15 - 13:45 - Lunch
13:45 - 17:00 - Plenary

Monday, October 28
9:00 - 12:15 - Plenary
12:15 - 13:45 - Lunch
13:45 - 17:00 - Plenary
18:00 - 20:00 – Reception

Tuesday - Wednesday, October 29 - 30
9:00 - 12:15 - Plenary
12:15 - 13:45 - Lunch
13:45 - 17:00 - Plenary

Thursday, October 31
No Plenary - Report Preparation Day

Friday, November 1
9:00 - Adoption of the report
Visa Requirements

It is the responsibility of the Delegate to determine if a visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is required to enter Canada. Canada does not have a visa office in every country so it is important that delegates visit the website of the visa office responsible for processing their visa applications.

Delegates are encouraged to submit their visa applications or Electronic Travel Authorizations (eTA) as early as possible and well in advance of the date of the event. Processing time for visa applications vary depending on the office and the time of the year. Please visit the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada website for information on the time it takes to process visa applications at the various visa offices.

The Canadian Secretariat is not responsible for any visa, travel, or accommodation arrangements. However, the CCFL Secretariat will provide a letter of invitation to visa-required delegates upon request. Please send requests for an invitation letter to the CCFL Secretariat by e-mail at Codex_Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Language

French is the official language of Québec, however, English is widely spoken in tourist areas.
Getting to Québec City

By Air Direct:
Québec City Jean-Lesage International Airport (YQB) is 16 km away from downtown Québec City.

Taxis are available to take you to and from the Québec City International Airport. Taxi rates from the airport to downtown are approximately $40- $50 CAD.

You may also wish to take bus route 76 of the Réseau de transport de la Capitale.

See below website for additional information: https://www.aeroportdeQuébec.com/en/airport-access/taxis-and-public-transportation

From Montreal:
If arriving at the Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL) you have three alternate options to get to Québec City:

- **By car from Montreal Airport to Québec City:** Québec via Autoroute 40 East is 275.6 km (2 hr 58 min.): Rent a vehicle at the kiosk in the Airport: Link to access: Car Rental

- **By train:** see link: Via Rail Canada

- **By Bus:** Coaches – Orleans Express from Montreal Airport to Québec City see link: Orleans Express.
Getting around Québec City

Given the Convention Centre’s location amidst major hotels, restaurants and steps away from Old Québec, walking is always a great option. Note that some locations are on inclines and may be difficult to walk for some.

Public Transportation – Réseau de transport de la Capitale (RTC) is Québec City’s public transit system. The bus fare is $3.75 CAD cash at front door (exact change only) per ride or tickets can be purchased see RTC Fares and information link; To purchase ticket for RTC use, there are 3 locations near the venue of the meeting: purchase counter for RTC tickets

Taxis are available to take you throughout Québec City. The taxi fee during the day is $4.10 plus $2.05 per kilometer. Night rate is $4.70 plus $2.35 per kilometer.
# Hotel Accommodations

A list of hotels near the venue and with preferred CCFL48 guestroom rates is provided below for your use. You are strongly encouraged to book your accommodations using a valid credit card as soon as possible to take advantage of the preferred rates. The Canadian Secretariat is not responsible for any travel, visa or accommodation arrangements. For your convenience, hotel links are provided below. Please keep in mind that October is a busy time for tourism, therefore, accommodations may be limited. Please mention “Santé Canada - CCFL48” when booking to secure the preferred rate.

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<td>Delta Hotels Québec 690 Boul. René Lévesque Est, Québec QC</td>
<td>180 m</td>
<td>Tel: 1-418-647-1717</td>
<td>[Booking link]</td>
<td>Book by September 3, 2024</td>
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<td>Hilton Québec 1100 Bd René-Lévesque E, Québec, QC</td>
<td>84 m</td>
<td>Tel: 1-418-647-6500</td>
<td>[Booking link]</td>
<td>Book by August 25, 2024</td>
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<td>Quebec City Marriott Downtown 850 Place D’Youville, Québec, QC</td>
<td>230 m</td>
<td>Tel: 1-418-694-4004</td>
<td>[Booking link]</td>
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<td>Hotel Le Concorde 1225 Cours du Général-de Montcalm, Québec, QC</td>
<td>750 m</td>
<td>Tel: 1-418-647-2222</td>
<td>Folio 1104412</td>
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<td>Le Capitole Hotel 972, Rue Saint-Jean, Québec QC</td>
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<td>1-418-694-4040</td>
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<td>Hotel PUR 395, Rue de la Couronne, Québec QC</td>
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<td>Tel: 1-418-647-2611</td>
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<td>Clarendon Hotel 57, Rue Sainte-Anne, Québec, QC</td>
<td>1.0 km</td>
<td>Tel: 1-418-692-2480</td>
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<td>Hotel Chateau Laurier 1220, Place George-V Ouest, Québec, QC</td>
<td>1.29 km</td>
<td>E-mail or call: <a href="mailto:reservation@vieuxquebec.com">reservation@vieuxquebec.com</a> Tel: 1-418-522-8108</td>
<td>Code 8451199</td>
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<td>Best Western Plus City Centre 330 De la Couronne, Québec, QC</td>
<td>1.3 km</td>
<td>Tel: 1-418-649-1919</td>
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<td>Hotel des Coutellier 253 Rue Saint-Paul Québec, QC</td>
<td>1.5 km</td>
<td>Tel: 1-418-692-9696</td>
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<td>Laval Université, Résidences 2255 Rue de l'Université #1601</td>
<td>5.1 km</td>
<td>E-mail or call: <a href="mailto:HEBERGEMENT@SRES.ULAVAL.CA">HEBERGEMENT@SRES.ULAVAL.CA</a> Tel: 1-418-656-5632</td>
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CURRENCY
The Canadian currency system uses Canadian dollars ($, CAD) and cents (¢), Canadian banknotes or 'bills' are issued in $5, $10, $20, $50, and $100 denominations. Canada has one and two-dollar coins, often called the "loonie" and the "toonie" respectively, in addition to 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢ coins. Most places accept debit and/or many of the major credit cards in the event purchases cannot be made using the currency. Up-to-date exchange rates can be found at: Bank of Canada

TAXES AND TIPS
Purchases will generally include the Goods and Services Tax (GST) at 5% and Québec Sales Tax (QST) at 9.975% for total tax of 14.975%. There is also an accommodation tax of 3.5% per night.

Additionally, a 15-20% gratuity is customary for good service, for example at a restaurant, bar, hair salon, spa or taxi.

CLIMATE
Québec City has four distinct seasons: spring (March – June), summer (June – September), autumn (September – December) and winter (December – March)
The month of October averages a high of 11°C (52°F) and a low of 2°C (36°F), a warm jacket, hat/tuque and gloves/mitts are recommended as temperatures can be unpredictable at this time of year.

TIME ZONES
Québec City is in the Eastern Time (ET) Zone. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) is in effect in Canada from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November. During Daylight Saving Time, Québec City is four hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC - 4h)

VOLTAGE & ELECTRICITY
Canadian appliances operate on 120 volts (60Hz). Type A or B plugs are required, otherwise use of an adaptor is recommended.
EMERGENCY SERVICES / HOSPITALS

Dial 911 for ambulance, fire, and police services in life-threatening situations, crimes in progress, or to report a fire in Quebec City. For other police services in the City, call 418-623-6262 or 310-4141 or dial ‘0’ for an operator who will be able to direct you to the services required.

Canadian hospitals are publicly managed with costs for services set by provincial and hospital authorities. Hospital emergency rooms are open 24 hours for emergency care. Hospital care for non-residents of Canada is charged at a daily rate or calculated based on medical condition and length of stay. Charges vary across the country but range from $1,000 - $3,000 a day. For a list of hospitals in Québec City area, please consult the following link: Quebec City Emergencies.

In addition you may consult the following link to find walk-in clinics in the city: within a 5 km radius to the Convention Centre by using postal code G1R 5T8 link: http://sante.gouv.qc.ca/en/repertoire-ressources/clsc/.
Useful Information:  Maps

Hotels in and around the Convention Center of Quebec:

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- Delta Hotels Quebec
- Hilton Quebec
- Hôtel Le Concorde Quebec
- QC Marriott Downtown
- Hôtel Château Laurier
- Hôtel des Coutellier
- Clarion Hotel
- Best Western+ City Centre
- Le Capitole Hôtel
- Hotel PUR

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Local Attractions / Events


Old Quebec - UNESCO World Heritage Site
The Plains of Abraham in the Parc des Champs de Bataille
Musée de la Civilisation
The Citadelle of Quebec
Montmorency Falls
Jacques-Cartier National Park
Île d'Orléans
Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec
Aquarium du Québec
We look forward to seeing you!

For any additional information regarding the 48th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling at please contact the CCFL Secretariat at codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca.