



CCCF16

Dear all,

I hope this letter finds you well. After two meetings in a virtual setting, I am happy that this year we are able to organise a physical meeting in Utrecht. We achieved so much last year, and to adopt the report under digital working conditions was truly a great achievement. I have every hope that we will have a similar experience again in 2023, only this time in a live setting. I especially look forward to getting to know you personally.

We rely on the hard work of our electronic working groups for the development of standards and effective codes of practice. And, of course, on your feedback to prepare good discussions for the plenary session. With your insights and directions, I hope that we can again push forward the important work our Codex Committee is committed to.

The next CCCF and its preparatory workshops are scheduled for 17-21 April, with the virtual adoption of the report on 26 April.

I strongly encourage delegates to actively participate in the virtual meetings and to arrive in Utrecht in time to participate in the physical pre-meetings scheduled for Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 April. These meetings are aimed to facilitate discussion and decision-making in the plenary meeting and participation of Codex members is of the utmost importance.

I would like to draw your attention to the following events. Please note that pre-meetings can run over into the timeslot for the next pre-meeting.

We have two virtual pre-meetings planned, both at 13.00-16.00 CET.

Note: All pre-meetings can run over into the next one.

On **11 April**, working groups on:

- Review of Codex Standards for Contaminants, agenda item 14 (Canada);
 - Follow-up Work to JECFA Evaluations and joint FAO/WHO expert consultations, agenda Item 15 (EU);
 - Priority List of Contaminants for evaluation by JECFA, Agenda Item 16, (USA) .
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On **12 April**, working groups on:

- Guidance for Data Analysis for Development of MLs and Improved Data Collection, agenda item 12;
 - Maximum Levels of Lead in Certain Food Categories, agenda item 5.
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On **Monday 17 April** in the afternoon, a translated, physical, pre-meeting.

- Sampling Plans for Total Aflatoxins in Certain Cereals, agenda item 7.
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On **Monday evening at 18.00** CET, you are invited to a reception at the Media Plaza to mark the 60th anniversary of Codex Alimentarius.

On **Tuesday 18 April** in the morning, two translated physical events.

- Forward Plan: Review of Staple Food-Contaminant Combinations (1 hour).
- Foresight: Looking into Emerging Issues in Food and Feed Safety (2 hours).

On **Tuesday 18 April at 12.30** CET in the Osram Room, an introduction to CCCF meetings for first-time delegates. Please register at info@codexalimentarius.nl

Heads of delegations will be invited to a reception on **Thursday 20 April**.

If necessary, please contact your nearest Dutch embassy or consulate to ensure that you hold a valid visa to travel to the Netherlands.

Working documents and other relevant information for the meeting can be found on the CCCF16 webpage on the Codex website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@codexalimentarius.nl.

I wish you, your family and your friends good health, and I hope to see you safe and sound in Utrecht at CCCF16.

Yours faithfully

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on Contaminants in Foods*

