



Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF)

Information for delegates

Introduction

From 17 – 21 April 2023 approximately 100-150 experts and policy makers from around the world will gather in Utrecht, The Netherlands for the 16th meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods.

This information note provides practical information to conference participants.

Meeting venue and session dates

The Government of the Netherlands is hosting this meeting, which will be held at Jaarbeurs Media Plaza from 18 – 21 April 2023. This venue is next to the main Utrecht Centraal railway station (Utrecht Central Station). Also see attached map, '9' is the venue of the CCCF. The report will be adopted virtually on 26 April 2023.

Address of the venue: **Jaarbeurs Media Plaza - Polar Center**
Croeselaan 6, 3521 CA Utrecht - The Netherlands

The **official opening ceremony** will take place on **Tuesday 18 April** at 14:30 hours.

Working groups and side events

Before the plenary session, working groups and side events are foreseen.

On **11 and 12 April** 13.00-16.00 CET, the following pre-session working groups will take place **virtually** in English language:

- The Priority list of contaminants for evaluation by JECFA.
- The Follow-up work to the outcomes of JECFA evaluations and FAO/WHO expert consultations
- The Review of Codex standards for contaminants

Physical meetings (on agenda items or other CCCF-related topics) are foreseen to take place in the Jaarbeurs on **17 April** 14.30-18.00 CET and **18 April** 9.00-12.30 CET.



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RECEPTIONS

Monday 17 April – 18:00 hrs: Reception for all delegates on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of Codex at the Jaarbeurs - Utrecht

Thursday 20 April – 19:00 hrs: Reception for Heads of Delegation at Oudaen - Utrecht

REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Participants are invited to pre-register before 17 March 2023 using the Online Registration System (ORS). Pre-registration should be done through your Codex Contact Point who can access this system at: www.codexalimentarius.org/login.

On-site registration of participants will take place at the Jaarbeurs Media Plaza/Polar Center on:

Monday 17 April 2023: from 07:30-16:00 CET

Tuesday 18 April 2023: from 08:00-16.00 CET

Name badges will be distributed at the registration desk. Delegates are requested to wear name badges visibly in order to gain entry to the meeting rooms.

LIVE BROADCAST

The plenary session meetings will be broadcast in listening mode only via Zoom in English, French and Spanish. The broadcast option will not offer delegations participating online the possibility of making interventions. In order to make interventions, Codex members and Observers therefore need to have at least one delegate physically present at the venue.

DOCUMENTS

Delegates are requested to bring their own documentation to the meeting. The working documents are available in English, French and Spanish at www.codexalimentarius.org

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish. The interpreters ask the delegates to provide all pre-formulated comments in advance (printed or per e-mail to info@codexalimentarius.nl)

SEATING

The Dutch CCCF secretariat reserves the right to limit the number of chairs at the desks to a certain number per delegates. Additional seats will be available at the back of the plenary room.

VISA INFORMATION

Participants are advised to contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of the Government of The Netherlands as soon as possible in order to allow sufficient time for the processing of visa applications. It is wise to apply for a visa (Schengenvisa) at least one month in advance. It is not possible to obtain a visa at the airports on arrival.

The Dutch CCCF secretariat does not issue personalised invitations for meetings of the CCCF. The Codex invitation for the CCCF16 to Codex members and observers is sent to all relevant Netherlands Embassies, to alert them that visa applications for the meeting can be expected. The invitation for this session has been sent to your Codex Contact Point.

Information on visa procedures is available by using the following link: [Visa for the Netherlands](#).

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ARRIVAL DETAILS

The international airport in the Netherlands is Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. There is a direct train connection from Schiphol Airport to Utrecht Centraal (Utrecht Central Station). Trains leave very regularly (every 10 minutes), a single trip takes about 30 minutes and costs around 10 euro.

A train ticket can be purchased at Schiphol at the desk of the Dutch Railway Company (Nederlandse Spoorwegen – NS) or at a yellow NS ticket machine with a blue sign and white NS logo on top. Make sure to buy a ticket in the train station of the airport before entering a train because it is not possible to buy one in the train.

The Jaarbeurs and many hotels are within walking distance from Utrecht Centraal railway station. For more distant destinations within Utrecht there is an extensive system of public transport. For more information you can contact the information desk at the train station in Utrecht or at <https://u-ov.info/plan-mijn-reis/visit-utrecht-area/>

WIFI will be available at the meeting venue.

LUNCH FACILITIES There are many facilities for lunch nearby. In the building of Jaarbeurs Media Plaza you can find a food court. Around Utrecht Centraal train station there are many different options for lunch. On the other side of the railway station there is a large shopping mall with supermarkets and lunch venues (Hoog Catharijne).

BANKING FACILITIES There are cash dispenser machines at the Central Station. They are in operation 24/7 and accept most cards.

CURRENCY Only the Euro will be accepted in the Netherlands. Major credit cards are accepted in most of the hotels and stores but not in supermarkets.

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

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Netherlands has an extensive public transport network, which makes it easy to travel around the country. Tickets for public transport are available at the ticket machines at the stations.

- Traveling by train: Intercity trains runs between the larger cities and Sprinters (slower) trains connect smaller stations. It's easy to explore The Netherlands/Holland by train.
- Travelling by tram, metro and bus: To plan your door-to-door trip within the city use the public transport journey planner, just indicate departure point and destination in a

Journey planner: <http://openbaar-vervoer.linklib.nl>

Go to: 9292ov.nl – click on NL in the right hand and corner to go to EN, for English

BIKE RENTALS Renting a bike costs on average from 8 to 15 euro a day, depending on the type of bike. You will find numerous bike rentals.

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 10 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

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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 Utrecht.

Below a few hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue. You can find the best offer through the following link www.trivago.com or contact the hotel directly.

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| NH Utrecht **** Jaarbeursplein 24 3521AR Utrecht +31 30 297 7977 | website | 3 minutes walk from meeting venue |
| Hampton by Hilton Utrecht Boven Catharijnepoort 4 3511 WN Utrecht +31 (0) 30 2377033 | website | Located at the mall of Hoog Catharijne / 5-10 minutes walk from meeting venue |
| Park Plaza Utrecht **** Westplein 50 3531 BL Utrecht +31 (0) 30 292 5200 | website | 5 minutes walk from meeting venue |
| Apollo Hotel **** Vredenburg 14 3511 BA Utrecht +31 30 233 1232 | website | 10 minutes by bus from Central Station |
| Hotel Ibis Utrecht *** Bizetlaan 1 3533 KC Utrecht +31 30 291 0366 | website | 7 minutes by bus from Central Station |
| INTEL Hotel **** Smakkelaarshoek 24 3511 EC Utrecht +31 30 2020990 | website | Located at Utrecht Central Station and 5 minutes walk to meeting venue |
| Star Lodge *** Biltsestraatweg 92 3573 PS Utrecht +31 30 8000 401 | website | 20 minutes by bus from Central Station |

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The Netherlands/ Utrecht

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. 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.

Utrecht is the capital and most populous city in the Dutch province of the same name, Utrecht. It is located in the eastern corner of the Randstad conurbation and is the fourth largest city in the Netherlands with a population of 361.742 in 2022.

Utrecht's ancient city center features many buildings and structures, several dating as far back to the Middle Ages. It has been the religious center of the Netherlands since the 8th century. Utrecht was the most important city in the Netherlands until the 17th century, the Dutch Golden Age, when it was surpassed by Amsterdam as the country's cultural center and most populous city.

Utrecht is host to Utrecht University, the largest university in the Netherlands, as well as several other institutions of higher education. Due to its central position within the country, it is an important transport hub for both rail and road transport. It has the second highest number of cultural events in the Netherlands, after Amsterdam.

Information and questions

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

Welkom bij Koninklijke Jaarbeurs

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| Je bent nu hier | Informatie |
| Taxi | Fietsenstalling |
| Bus | Oplaadpunt |
| Sheltram | Parkeren mindervaliden |
| EHBO | Looproute |

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| Beurs- en congresgebouw | Beatrixgebouw |
| Hal 1 t/m 4 en 7 t/m 12 | Beatrix Theater |
| Restaurant Speys | Expozaal |
| Eerste verdieping: | Jaarbeurs MeetUp |
| Croeselaan | Trade Mart |
| Julianazalen (Hal 5) | Restaurant Playn |
| Media Plaza | JIM |
| Supernova | Jaarbeurs Studio |
| | Kantoren Jaarbeurs |

Koninklijke Jaarbeurs
Jaarbeursplein | 3521 AL Utrecht
Jaarbeurs.nl

Parkeren en navigeren
Bekijk de plattegrond om te beoordelen op welke parkeerterrein je het beste kunt parkeren.

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