



CCCF18

Dear CCCF delegates,

I am delighted to invite you to attend the 18th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods, which will take place in **Thailand in June 2025**. At this Session, we will play a vital role in setting standards to make our food safe.

The Netherlands is proud to co-host this meeting for a second consecutive year, following on from Panama last year. I am pleased to see Thailand and the Netherlands collaborating to ensure the success of this meeting. I look forward to meeting many delegates from the Asian region personally.

The organisation is progressing rapidly. From the updates I have received from our colleagues in Thailand, I highly recommend attending in person! Please make sure your **visa procedures** are started in good time; the information document for participants will assist you with this. During registration, your Codex Contact Point will need to specify whether you will be attending in person or via Zoom. Should you be unable to join us in Thailand, we have a new option within CCCF. To enhance participation, we will be conducting the event in a full hybrid format.

On **Monday 16 June**, between 13.00 and 16.00 CET, as in previous years, we will organise working groups in English to prepare for agenda items, such as the priority list of contaminants for evaluation and the follow-up to the outcome of JECFA.

On **Sunday 22 June**, the programme in Bangkok will start at 13.30 with the session 'Exploring MOSH: Risks of Mineral Oil Hydrocarbons' and continue with preparatory meetings in English until 17.00 hours. Your attendance would be highly appreciated, as it will contribute significantly to the discussions and decision making during the plenary meeting.

Additional items for the plenary agenda will be announced on the CCCF18 website, along with their respective dates and times.

Currently, **chairs** from Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Türkiye and the United States, **along with their electronic working groups**, are preparing for our meeting in Thailand from 22-27 June. I trust you have all registered and will be able to offer valuable contributions, as the work will be shaped within these groups under the chairs' leadership. I am immensely thankful to all, as it is only with your feedback and guidance that we can advance the work to which our Codex Committee is committed.

In Thailand, there will naturally be an introduction to CCCF meetings **for first-time delegates**. This will take place on Sunday 22 June at 17.30, after the meeting. Please register at info@codexalimentarius.nl.

Along with our colleagues in Thailand, I wish you all the best in your preparations and look forward to seeing you safe and well in Thailand at CCCF18.

Yours sincerely,

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*Chair, Codex Committee on
Contaminants in Foods*

