

**24 Session of the
Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV)
15-20 September 2008**

A formal invitation and provisional agenda for the 24th Session of the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (CCPFV) have been issued by the Directors-General of FAO and WHO.

As Chairman of the CCPFV, I am writing to extend a personal invitation to representatives of member countries, observer countries and international organizations to attend the Session which will be held in the Hilton Arlington, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, Virginia, 22203 USA. I look forward to your participation. The opening session will be held at 10:00 am on 15 September with registration beginning at 9:00 am. In addition, prior to the Session, working group meetings will be held in the hotel on Saturday and Sunday, 13 and 14 of September, starting at 9:00 am.

The Hilton Arlington is adjacent to the Ballston Metro Station, close to America's most popular historical sites and national monuments including the White House, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Kennedy Center, Arlington National Cemetery, war memorials and more.

The hotel will hold a block of rooms for our use until August 14, 2008. After that date, the hotel will not guarantee the rate of \$201.00 for either a single or a double room. Those making reservations should go the web page address of:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/DCAVAHF-USA-20080912/index.jhtml>. The Group name is **USDA** and Group code is **USA**.

You may also call to make reservations at 1800 HILTONS or +703 528-6000. Please identify yourself as part of this group. Delegates are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.

We anticipate a successful 24th Session of the Committee and wish you a safe journey and a pleasant stay in the United States. If you have any questions about the Session, please feel free to contact the U.S. Codex Office by telephone +202.205.7760, fax: +202.720.3157 or e-mail: uscodex@usda.gov

I look forward to seeing you in September.

Terry B. Bane



Chairman, Codex Committee on
Processed Fruits and Vegetables.