Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene
THE 53rd SESSION OVERVIEW

The 53rd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH) will convene as an in-person physical meeting taking place from November 27-December 2, 2022, in San Diego, California at the Intercontinental San Diego Hotel (https://www.intercontinentalsandiego.com/). The Session will also be broadcast on Zoom in listening mode in English, French, and Spanish.

On Sunday, November 27, 2022, there will be a Physical Working Group (PWG) on the draft Guidelines for the control of Shiga-toxin producing Escherichia coli (STEC) in raw beef, fresh leafy vegetables, raw milk and raw milk cheeses, and sprouts.

On Monday, November 28, 2022, there will be two additional PWGs—a PWG on the draft Guidelines for the safe use and re-use of water in food production followed by the PWG on Priorities and New Work/Forward Work Plan will meet. Specific details may be found in the timeline further down in this document.

The CCFH53 plenary session will run from Tuesday, November 29, 2022, until Friday, December 2, 2022. Report Adoption for CCFH53 will occur virtually (on Zoom) the following Thursday, December 8, 2022.

On-site registration (to collect badges and other materials) will be available on Sunday, November 27, 2022, from 10:00 - 18:00 PST, Monday, November 28, 2022, from 08:00 – 18:00 PST and on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 from 08:00-18:00 PST.
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The CCFH Secretariat is using the Codex Online Registration System (ORS) to register delegates for the CCFH meeting. Please ensure that your Codex Contact Point (for member countries and observer organizations) registers all members of your delegation for the upcoming session, via the following link: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/registration/en/.

Please note that the invitation to CCFH53 issued by FAO and WHO requests that delegates register by September 30, 2022.

We would encourage all delegates who expect to attend CCFH53 in person to register well in advance to ensure that relevant visas, clearances and appropriate seating arrangements will be available for them at the meeting.

**Please note that the CCFH meeting registration is a separate process from the hotel reservations for sleeping accommodations at the Intercontinental San Diego Hotel (please see section below CCFH53 Venue Hotel).**
Visa Requirements

If you require a visa to enter the United States, we strongly encourage you to begin the visa application process as soon as possible. Most delegates will be considered “independent travelers” and will need to apply for a B1/B2 visa. Diplomats and other foreign government officials traveling to the United States to engage solely in official duties or activities on behalf of their national government must obtain A-1 or A-2 visas prior to entering the United States. They cannot travel using visitor visas or under the Visa Waiver Program.

Additional information may be found at the following site:
https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html

According to the U.S. State Department, all government officials will need a diplomatic note to accompany the visa application. In addition, many U.S. Embassies require in-person interviews that may take time to schedule and openings may not be available at the last moment.

Please consult the nearest U.S. Embassy for additional guidance. Although the U.S. Codex Office cannot influence the visa process, we will assist in any way we can, including providing registration confirmation letters to each registered delegate. It is the responsibility of delegates to begin the visa application process in a timely manner, and if this is not done well in advance, it may not be possible to obtain a visa in time to attend the meeting.

We believe it is important that delegates from all Member Countries and Organizations have the opportunity to participate in Codex meetings. Completing and submitting the visa application promptly will ensure that the work of Codex accurately reflects the views and contributions of all its Members.
San Diego is the second largest city in the state of California and the eighth largest in the United States. It is located on the Pacific Ocean coast and shares the border with the Mexican city of Tijuana, making it an international metropolitan area.

San Diego’s Mediterranean-like climate makes it an ideal place to grow agricultural crops and livestock products. More than 3 million people live in San Diego County, and more than 5,000 farmers call it home and make their living on 250,000 acres. The high cost of water and land make farming expensive and for this reason San Diego farms have specialized in integrating agricultural activity and urban living, growing crops that optimize limited acres. For more information please visit: https://www.sdfarmbureau.org/san-diego-agriculture/.

In addition to farming, San Diego’s economy also evolves around the military, tourism, research and manufacturing, and biotechnology. San Diego has been heavily involved in military and defense since the days of World War II, and it currently hosts the largest naval fleet in the world. San Diego is a waterfront city steeped in history and culture. We hope you enjoy its topnotch restaurants, beautiful state parks, pristine beaches, and an impressive array of world-class attractions.
Getting To & Around San Diego

FLYING TO SAN DIEGO
San Diego’s primary airport is San Diego International Airport (SAN). It is conveniently located 3 miles (5 km) from the downtown area and the InterContinental San Diego Hotel. In addition to numerous domestic flights, San Diego has several nonstop international flights.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE INTERCONTINENTAL SAN DIEGO HOTEL

TAXIS and RIDE SHARES (Uber/Lyft)
are the most convenient mode of transportation to and from the airport. Typically, ride share services are less expensive than taxis. Uber and Lyft riders may request a private car or a shared car, which will pick other passengers up along the way and discount your ride cost. To use Uber or Lyft, you must download the respective mobile app.

From SAN, the InterContinental San Diego Hotel takes approximately 7-15 minutes depending on traffic.

TAXIS
• Costs are approximately $12-$17
• To pick up a taxi at the airport, simply follow the signs leading to the “Transportation Plaza.” A customer service representative will place you with the first available taxi.

RIDE SHARE (Uber/Lyft)
• Costs are approximately $9 - $12 (for a private car)
• Pick-up can be coordinated at the designated “Ride Share” passenger pickup locations below:
  • Terminal 1:
    Exit baggage claim via the escalators
    Walk across the Sky Bridge toward Ground Transportation and the parking lot
    Exit down the escalators toward the parking lot,
    Turn right to the Transportation Plaza.
    Use crosswalk to the third lane for Ride Share pick-up area.
    See signage for assistance
  • Terminal 2:
    Upon exiting baggage claim, use main crosswalk to Transportation Plaza
    Ride Share pick-up is located in the second lane on the right
    See signage for assistance

***For more information on how to download the apps, additional fares, and first-time user promo codes go to:
https://www.lyft.com/rider/airports/san
CCFH 53
Venue Hotel

The InterContinental San Diego is a new luxury hotel with top-notch meeting space situated on the downtown waterfront. Its location allows guests to easily step out and explore San Diego’s top attractions or relax and take in the beautiful view of the bay.

INTERCONTINENTAL SAN DIEGO
901 Bayfront Ct
San Diego, CA 92101
Phone: +1-619-501-9400
https://www.intercontinentalsandiego.com

Hotel check-in: 15:00
Hotel check-out: 11:00
Hotel Reservations at the InterContinental

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book, modify and cancel your reservations online. Please note that this link is not tablet or mobile friendly.

The reservation link automatically populates availability for the following dates: November 24-December 5, 2022 since the group room rate is available three days pre and post CCFH53. Guest should click on “change search” to personalize their dates of stay.

The CCFH53 special rate of $198.52USD per night (single or double occupancy) already includes the relevant sales tax. This rate also includes complimentary breakfast buffet as well as wifi and two complimentary bottles of water per guest room per day. Additional amenities include unlimited access to the health and wellness center, the pool and complimentary use of the business center. Additional guests over double occupancy will be charged $30.00 per guest per night.

You will need to provide a credit card to secure your room reservation. At that time, your credit card will be charged a one-night deposit (which will apply to your final bill).

We encourage all delegates to secure a hotel reservation as early as possible.

If your plans change and you can no longer attend CCFH53, you may cancel your hotel reservation, without penalty, up to 72 hours prior to your arrival.

Please note the special rate is available only until October 21, 2022. Any hotel reservations requested after this date will be based on availability. Please make your hotel reservations early!

**HOTEL SERVICES**
- 2 restaurants, 3 bars, and Starbucks
- 24-hour room service
- Concierge
- Club InterContinental
- Business center
- Relaxation pool with cabanas
- 3,300 sq. ft. health and wellness center
- Lane Field Park
- Pet-friendly accommodations
- Valet and self-parking

**HOTEL GUEST ROOMS**
Standard in-room features include:
- Built-in USB outlets
- Flat-screen TVs
- On-demand movies
- Keurig coffeemaker (with complimentary coffee and tea)
- Cozy robes and slippers
- Luxurious bath amenities
- Hairdryer
- Clock/radio
- Chaise lounge
- Writing desks and chairs
- Mini bar
- Iron and ironing board
- In-room safe
- Dry cleaning pickup
- Same-day dry cleaning
- Laundry valet
- Walk-in showers
WEATHER
• San Diego is known for its beautiful year-round temperate climate.
• Average temperatures for late November–early December in San Diego are around 65° F (18° C) during the day and around 50° F (10° C) at night.
• It is a good idea to layer your clothing, so that you can remove or add garments as needed for comfort.

ELECTRICAL CURRENT
• Electrical appliances operate on 110 volts (60Hz).
• Power outlets accommodate two prong or three prong plugs.

CURRENCY
• United States Dollar ($)
• ATM Machines and Currency Exchange are available at the airport upon arrival and in the area surrounding the InterContinental Hotel.
• Credit cards accepted—Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are the most accepted credit cards.
• You may use your bank or credit card as long as you have a 4-digit pin and/or a chip.

TIPS AND TAXES
• All prices are subject to 7.75% sales tax in the city of San Diego which is typically not included in the price.
• Please note that taxi/rideshare fares and restaurant bills do not include gratuities. It is therefore customary in the United States to add a 15-20% tip when paying a bill.
San Diego has earned the name “California’s Beach City” with a near perfect climate, a spectacular coastline, world-class attractions, a thriving urban core, sophisticated art culture, and a vibrant dining and nightlife scene.

Explore some of San Diego’s surrounding neighborhoods that all have something unique to offer (e.g., the historic Gaslamp Quarter, Old Town, Little Italy, Coronado, La Jolla). Head North to tour San Diego’s wine country; east to hike in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park; west to the 70 miles (113 km) of Pacific Ocean coastline and beaches; south to the Mexican border to experience Tijuana! Less than 3 miles (5 km) from the InterContinental Hotel is Balboa Park. It is the largest urban cultural park in the United States and home to 15 museums, numerous art galleries, beautiful gardens, the Tony Award-winning Old Globe Theatre, and the world-famous San Diego Zoo. San Diego County also features 92 golf courses, world class shopping, luxury spas, and a dynamic downtown district. San Diego is also home to two professional sports teams and has number of special events, festivals and celebrations year-round!

CCFH53 will feature a Tour Desk where you may learn about all that the San Diego area has to offer as well as book a variety of sightseeing options, excursions, and activities during your free time.

For more information on major attractions, tours, sporting events, and more, explore these websites:
https://www.sandiego.org/explore.aspx
# Local Attractions

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*Approximate Distance from InterContinental San Diego*
We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

CCFH SECRETARIAT
For additional information or questions about CCFH53, please contact Marie Maratos Bhat of the CCFH Secretariat: CCFH@USDA.GOV.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN PERSON ONCE AGAIN IN SAN DIEGO!