



24th Session of the
Codex Committee
on Food Import &
Export Inspection &
Certification
Systems

22-26 October 2018

LOCATION

The 24th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems will be held at the Sofitel Brisbane Central from 22-26 October 2018.

Sofitel Brisbane Central
249 Turbot Street
Brisbane City QLD 4000

Book accommodation here:

http://www.sofitel.com/sofitel/lien_externe.svlt?goto=resa_express&code_hotel=5992&code_chaine=SOF&code_avantage=CFIRO

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

Registration

The Australian Secretariat is using the Codex Online Registration System (ORS) to register delegates for the CCFICS meeting via the following link: www.fao.org/fao-whocodexalimentarius/registration/en

We would encourage all delegates who expect to attend CCFICS24 to register well in advance to ensure that appropriate seating arrangements will be available for them at the meeting.

Onsite Registration

The registration desk will be open from 2-5pm Sunday 21 October and from 8am Monday 22 October. Delegates must register at the desk before entering the meeting. Delegates are encouraged to bring a business card with them when registering to assist in the review and finalisation of the official participants list.

Working Documents

All working documents for the meeting are available online at www.codexalimentarius.org. No hard copy documents will be available at the meeting (except Conference Room Documents).

Internet/ Wi-Fi

Internet will be available to delegates in the plenary from Monday through to Friday.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

It is important that you lodge your visa application as soon as possible and at least six weeks before your intended travel to allow sufficient time for processing. Codex Australia will not be able to provide individual invitation letters to facilitate visa applications. Anyone who is not an Australian citizen needs a valid visa to enter and spend time in Australia. There are different visas for tourists, business people, sports people, students and others.

All visas must be obtained before travelling. Visitors can apply for Australian visas at Australian government missions overseas or electronically through travel agents and airlines in many parts of the world. For more information please visit <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/business/>

With your application you should lodge:

- The official invitation letter for CCFICS;
- A letter from your current employer confirming your employment, the purpose of your visit and employer contribution (if any) to your expenses;
- Evidence of travel arrangements (flight itinerary, tickets, etc);
- Evidence of sufficient funds to meet any personal expenses; and
- Your valid passport and application fee



GETTING THERE

Brisbane International Airport is Australia's third busiest airport. It is located only 20 minutes from the Brisbane CBD with connecting flights from 28 international destinations including LA, Dallas, Dubai, Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Auckland.

Taxis are readily available from Brisbane Airport and major car rental companies are also at the airport.

The Airtrain is a 20 minute ride from the airport to the city (Central Station) and operates 7 days a week. The Sofitel is located above Central Station and the Airtrain is a quick and convenient way to travel from the airport.



EATING AND SHOPPING

Eagle St Pier

Eagle St Pier is an iconic waterfront precinct with world class dining options and unrivalled views of the Brisbane River and Story Bridge. Just to name a few: ARIA restaurant, Cha Cha Char, Il Centro Restaurant, Jade Buddha, Nagomi, Pony, Saké and George's Paragon Seafood Restaurant.

Southbank

Southbank is a rare lifestyle precinct where the idyllic Queensland environment is seamlessly integrated with cafes, restaurants, boutiques and cultural experiences. There are three eating locations at Southbank; The Parklands, Little Stanley and Grey Street. Grey Street offers fine dining while Little Stanley and the Parklands provide a smorgasbord of cafes and restaurants.

Queen Street Mall

The Queen St Mall is a pedestrian mall located on Queen St in the centre of Brisbane and is one of Queensland's premier shopping destinations. The Queen Street Mall offers an unrivalled mix of local, national and international labels and flagship stores. Some 700+

retailers have made their homes here – many enjoy mall and street frontage, others are tucked away inside world-class centres and heritage-listed arcades.



OTHER INFORMATION

Climate

Brisbane has a humid subtropical climate with warm to hot summers and dry moderately warm winters. The majority of Brisbane's rainfall occurs between November and March.

Typical daytime min/max temperature ranges in Brisbane for October are 16°C /26°C.

Time Zone

Australian Eastern Standard Time (EST) is GMT + 10 Hours. Daylight savings is not in effect in Queensland.

Currency

Australian dollar AUD \$1.00 = 100 cents

Currency exchange facilities are available at all international airports and key tourist centres. Traveller's cheques can also be cashed at banks and major hotels. ATMs are widely available.

Major credit cards are accepted at most shops, hotels and restaurants, with American Express, Bankcard, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa the most common.

Banks are open from 9.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and from 9.30am to 4.30pm on Friday. Bureau de Change facilities have more flexible hours and are generally open at night and on weekends.