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**Invitation to the Forty-Sixth Session of the
CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES**

Hong Kong, China, 17-21 March 2014

Reply requested by 17 February 2014

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Director-General of the World Health Organization have the honour to extend an invitation to attend the above Session which will be held at the Regal Airport Hotel (9 Cheong Tat Road, Hong Kong International Airport, Chek Lap Kok) , Hong Kong China, at the kind invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China. The Session will begin at 9.30 hours on Monday 17 March 2014. Registration facilities will be open on Friday 14 March and Saturday 15 March 2014 from 08.00 hours to 16:00 hours and from 08.00 hours on Monday 17 March 2014. The Working Group on the Codex *General Standard for Food Additives* will meet on Friday 14 March and Saturday 15 March 2014 from 09:00 to 18:00 hours, at the same location.

The Session is being convened under the authority of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and is open to Member Nations and Associate Members of the Commission, and to observers. Member Nations and Associate Members of both FAO and WHO which are not Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission may attend as observers. Expenses incurred in connection with attendance at sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and travel of delegations of the Members of the Commission and of the observers shall be borne by the governments or organizations concerned.

The Session will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. Chinese interpretation will be provided by the host Government. Arrangements for simultaneous interpretation will be the responsibility of the Host Government. The Provisional Agenda is enclosed. Further documents will be available for downloading at [ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/meetings/ccfa/ccfa46](http://ftp.fao.org/codex/meetings/ccfa/ccfa46) as soon as they are available.

The Directors General of FAO and WHO would appreciate being informed by **17 February 2014** of the names, official titles, addresses and passport details of the representatives or observers designated to attend.

The Host Secretariat of the Codex Committee on Food Additives has put in place an online registration system. Codex Contact Points and international organizations with observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission are kindly requested to use the online registration system by accessing the following link: www.codexmeetingmanager.com. A Login and password for the online registration have been provided to all Codex Members and Observers. If the Login and password have not been received, please contact info@codexmeetingmanager.com.

Alternatively, the names, official titles and addresses of the representatives or observers designated to attend can be sent to the Secretariat of the Committee: China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA), Building 2, No. 37 Guangqu Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100022, China, (E-mail: secretariat@ccfa.cc), with a copy to the Secretariat of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy (e-mail: codex@fao.org).

Participants are advised to enquire at the nearest Chinese Embassy or Consulate, at least 60 days before the start of the meeting, to determine whether visas or other documents are required to enter Hong Kong, China. Additional information on procedures to obtain entry visa to Hong Kong, China will be included in the information note for the participants.

This invitation is sent to addressees of invited countries in the official mailing lists of FAO and WHO, as follows:

For ACTION, as appropriate:

Ministries of Foreign Affairs,
Ministries of Agriculture, or
Ministries of Health, as appropriate
Central Contact Points for FAO/WHO
Codex Alimentarius Commission matters

For INFORMATION:

FAO Regional and Subregional Offices
FAO Liaison Offices
FAO Representatives
WHO Regional Offices
WHO Representatives
Permanent Missions to the UN Office at Geneva
or to the Specialized Agencies
Permanent Representations to FAO/Embassies in
Rome

This invitation is also being sent to Heads of selected international organizations.



JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

Forty-Sixth Session

Hong Kong, China, 17-21 March 2014

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The session will be held at the Regal Airport Hotel, Hong Kong, China
from Monday 17 March at 9.30 hours to Friday 21 March 2014

The meeting of the Working Group on the Codex *General Standard for Food Additives* will be held at the same venue from Friday 14 March 2014 at 09.00 hours to Saturday 15 March 2014 at 18.00 hours

Agenda Item	Subject Matter	Document Reference
1	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FA 14/46/1
2	Matters Referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and Other Codex Committees and Task Forces	CX/FA 14/46/2
3	Matters of Interest arising from FAO/WHO and from the 77 th Meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA)	CX/FA 14/46/3
4(a)	Endorsement and/or Revision of Maximum Levels for Food Additives and Processing Aids in Codex Standards	CX/FA 14/46/4
4(b)	Alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA	CX/FA 14/46/5
4(c)	Revision of the <i>Guidelines for the Simple Evaluation of Food Additive Intakes</i> (CAC/GL 3-1989) (N08-2013)	CX/FA 14/46/6
4(d)	Information on commercial use of selected food additives (replies to CL 2013/8-FA, Part B, point 4)	CX/FA 14/46/7
<u>Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)</u>		
5(a)	Provisions in Tables 1 and 2 of Table 3 food additives with “emulsifier, stabilizer and thickener” function and horizontal approach - outstanding from 45 th CCFA	CX/FA 14/46/8
5(b)	Provisions in Table 1 and 2 of Table 3 food additives with: (i) “acidity regulator” function for other use than acidity regulators; and (ii) for other Table 3 food additives with functions other than “emulsifier, thickener, stabilizer”, “colour” and “sweeteners”	CX/FA 14/46/9
5(c)	Food additive provisions of food category 14.2.3 “Grape wines” and its sub-categories	CX/FA 14/46/10
5(d)	Descriptors and food additive provisions of food category 01.1.1 “Milk and butter milk (plain)” and its sub-categories and food category 01.1.2 “Dairy-based drinks, flavoured and/or fermented (e.g. chocolate milk, cocoa, eggnog, drinking yoghurt, whey-based drink)”	CX/FA 14/46/11

Working documents will be uploaded onto the Codex website: www.codexalimentarius.org/ or direct ftp-link: <ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/meetings/ccfa/ccfa46>

Delegates should bring to the meeting all documents which have been distributed.

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5(e)	Recommendations for the entry of new provisions, including those for food category 16.0 "Prepared foods", and for revision of existing food additive provisions (based on replies to CL 2012/5-FA, Part B, points 9 and 10)	CX/FA 14/46/12
5(f)	Proposals for provisions of nisin (INS 234) in food category 08.0 "Meat and meat product, including poultry and game" and its sub-categories (replies to CL 2012/5-FA, Part B, point 8) - outstanding from 45 th CCFA	CX/FA 14/46/13
5(g)	Discussion paper on use of Note 161 in provisions for selected sweeteners	CX/FA 14/46/14
5(h)	Proposals for new and/or revision of food additive provisions (replies to CL 2013/8-FA Part B, point 5)	CX/FA 14/46/15
<u>International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives</u>		
6	Proposed draft amendments to the <i>International Numbering System (INS)</i> for Food Additives	CX/FA 14/46/16
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments at Step 3 	CX/FA 14/46/16 Add.1
<u>Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives</u>		
7(a)	Proposed draft Specifications for Identity and Purity of Food Additives arising from the 77 th JECFA Meeting	CX/FA 14/46/17
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments at Step 3 	CX/FA 14/46/17 Add.1
7(b)	Discussion paper to on use of additives in additives (secondary additives)	CX/FA 14/46/18
<u>Priority List of Food Additives Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA</u>		
8(a)	Proposals for additions and changes to the Priority List of Food Additives proposed for evaluation by JECFA (replies to CL 2013/12-FA)	CX/FA 14/46/19
8(b)	Discussion paper on options for the use of outcomes of the prioritization exercise and other feasible steps to identify compounds for re-evaluation by JECFA	CX/FA 14/46/20
<u>Others</u>		
9	Other Business and Future Work	
10	Date and Place of Next Session	
11	Adoption of the Draft Report	

INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Information document to the discussion on the GSFA	FA/46 INF/01
Information document on food additive provisions in commodity standards	FA/46 INF/02

NOTES ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 5: The documents listed under Agenda Item 5 (a-h) will form the basis for the discussion of the physical Working Group on the GSFA. The report of the Working Group will be made available as a CRD at the meeting and will be considered under this item.