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

**Xi'an, China, 23-27 March 2015**

**Reply requested by 23 February 2015**

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 JianGuo Hotel (No.2 Huzhu Road), Xi'an, 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 23 March 2015. Registration facilities will be open on Friday 20 March and Saturday 21 March 2015 from 08.00 hours to 16:00 hours and from 08.00 hours on Monday 23 March 2015. The Working Group on the *General Standard for Food Additives* will meet on Friday 20 March and Saturday 21 March 2015 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 FAO and WHO which are members of the Commission, and to observers. Member Nations and Associate Members of both Organizations 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 <http://www.codexalimentarius.org> as soon as they are available.

The Directors-General of FAO and WHO would appreciate being informed by **23 February 2015** of the names, official titles, addresses and passport details of the representatives or observers designated to attend. This information should be sent through online registration. Online registration is accessible at: <http://www.codexalimentarius.org/login>. Instructions for login and registration can be downloaded from the website.

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: [ccfa@cfsa.net.cn](mailto:ccfa@cfsa.net.cn)), with a copy to the Secretariat of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme (e-mail: [codex@fao.org](mailto: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 China. Additional information on procedures to obtain entry visa to 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.