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Invitation to the 48th Session of the CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

Xi'an, China, 14 - 18 March 2016

Reply requested by 15 February 2016

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) have the honour to extend an invitation to attend the above Session, which will be held in 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 start at 09:30 on Monday 14 March 2016. Registration facilities will be open on Friday 11 March and Saturday 12 March 2016 from 08.00 to 16:00 hours and from 08.00 on Monday 14 March 2016.

The Working Group on the *General Standard for Food Additives* will meet on Friday 11 March and Saturday 12 March 2016 from 09:00 to 18:00, 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 both Organizations 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, including the working group, will be conducted in English, French and Spanish.

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 **15 February 2016** of the names, official titles and addresses of the representatives or observers designated to attend.

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.codexalimentarius.org/login. A username and password for the online registration has been provided to all Codex Members and Observers. If the username and password have not been received, please contact codex@fao.org.

Participants are advised to enquire at the nearest Embassy or Consulate of China to determine whether visas or other documents are required to enter the country at least 30 days before the start of the meeting. Additional information on procedures to obtain entry visa to China will be included in information notes for 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
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This invitation is also being sent to Heads of selected international organizations.