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Invitation to the Fifty-sixth Session of the CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD ADDITIVES

Chongqing, China

13-17 April 2026

Reply requested by 31 March 2026

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 Conrad Chongqing Hotel, Chongqing, China, at the kind invitation of the government of the People's Republic of China.

The opening ceremony will begin at 09.30 CST (China Standard Time) on Monday, 13 April 2026. Additional logistical details are available on the committee meeting's webpage: [CCFA56](#).

The two working groups meetings will be convened immediately before the Session at the same location:

- Friday, 10 April 2026 (09.00 to 18.00 CST) and Saturday, 11 April 2026 (09.00 to 12.30 CST): *the General standard for food additives* (GSFA) (CXS 192-1995).
- Saturday, 11 April 2026 (14.30 to 18.00 CST): *the endorsement/alignment of the food additive provisions of commodity standards and relevant provisions of the GSFA*.

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 will be conducted in Chinese, English, French and Spanish, and webcast live in these same languages.

The provisional agenda is enclosed. Further documents will be available for downloading at <http://www.codexalimentarius.org> as soon as they are published.

The Directors-General of FAO and WHO would appreciate being informed by **31 March 2026** 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 register their delegations using the online registration system that can be accessed through the following link: www.codexalimentarius.org/login. A username and password for the online registration have 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 the People's Republic of China to determine whether visas or other documents are required to enter China at least 30 days before the start of the meeting. Additional information on procedures to obtain an entry visa to China will be included in the information notes for participants.

This invitation is sent to addressees of invited FAO/WHO Members of Codex, 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

This invitation is also being sent to the official mailing list of Codex.