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Scottsdale, Arizona, United States of America

All times Mountain Standard Time (MST) (CET -8, UTC-7)

Tentative Timetable

Sunday 15 November

09:00-11:00		Physical working group (PWG) on the Proposed revision of the Guidelines on the application of the general principles of food hygiene to the control of pathogenic *Vibrio* species in seafood (CXG 73-2010)
11:00-13:00		PWG on the Alignment of Codex texts developed by CCFH with the revised General principles of food hygiene (CXC 1-1969)
13:00-15:00		*Lunch break*
15:00-17:00		PWG on the Proposed draft revision of the Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food (CXG 79-2012)

Monday 16 November

09:00-09:30		Instruction for first-time delegates and online participants
09:30-10:00		**Opening ceremony**
10:00-12:30	1	**Adoption of the Agenda**
	2	Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or other Codex Subsidiary Bodies to the Committee including Overview of definitions of ready-to-eat foods in Codex texts
	3	Matters arising from the work of FAO and WHO (including JEMRA)
	4	Matters of interest arising from other international organizations
12:30-14:30		*Lunch break*
14:30-16:00		PWG on CCFH Work Priorities (New Work Proposals / Forward Workplan)
16:00-16:30		*Break*
16:30-18:00		PWG on CCFH Work Priorities (New Work Proposals / Forward Workplan) *(continued)*
19:00-21:00		*Welcome reception*



Tuesday **17 November**	09:00-10:30	6	Alignment of Codex texts developed by CCFH with the revised General principles of food hygiene (CXC 1-1969)
	10:30-11:00		*Break*
	11:00-12:30	5	Proposed revision of the Guidelines on the application of the general principles of food hygiene to the control of pathogenic *Vibrio* species in seafood (CXG 73-2010)
	12:30-14:30		*Lunch Break*
	14:30–16:00	5	Proposed revision of the Guidelines on the application of the general principles of food hygiene to the control of pathogenic *Vibrio* species in seafood (CXG 73-2010) *(continued)*
	16:00-16:30		*Break*
	16:30-18:00	7	Proposed draft revision of the Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food (CXG 79-2012)
Wednesday **18 November**	09:00-10:30	7	Proposed draft revision of the Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of viruses in food (CXG 79-2012)
	10:30-11:00		*Break*
	11:00-12:30	10 8 9	Other business and future work Discussion paper on the revision of the Code of practice on food allergen management for food business operators (CXC 80-2020) Discussion paper on the revision of the Code of practice for the processing and handling of quick frozen foods (CXC 8-1976) New work/Forward workplan (Proposals in reply to CL 2026/22-FH)
	12:30-13:30		Side event: *The new global burden of foodborne diseases- 2026: What it means for CCFH*
	12:30-14:30		*Lunch Break*
	14:30-16:00	10	Other business and future work (continued)
	16:00-16:30		*Break*
	16:30-18:00	10 11	Other business and future work (continued) Date and place of the next Session
Friday **20 November**	10:00	12	Adoption of the Report