

49th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling 11 - 15 May 2026

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Rogers Centre Ottawa



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The 49th Session Overview

The 49th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL49) will take place as an in-person, physical meeting from May 11 – 15, 2026, in Ottawa, Canada, at Rogers Centre Ottawa.

The meeting of the Physical Working Group (PWG) on Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling will be held Sunday May 10, 2026, from 09:30 – 16:30 EDT at Rogers Centre Ottawa.

The meeting of the Virtual Working Group (VWG) on Application of food labelling provisions in emergencies will be held Tuesday May 05, 2026 from 15:00 – 18:30 CEST via Zoom.

The Session and the PWG meeting will also be broadcast in listening mode only to interested persons.



CCFL49 Registration

Online Registration

Meeting registration should be completed online through the Codex Alimentarius Online Registration System (ORS), at [Registration | CODEXALIMENTARIUS FAO-WHO](#).

Delegates are also reminded to pre-register for the PWG on Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling and the VWG on Application of food labelling provisions in emergencies through the ORS.

Onsite Registration

Participants are requested to present themselves at the Rideau Canal Alcove on the 2nd floor of Rogers Centre Ottawa to register and retrieve their pass, which is to be worn at all times when on-site. Lost passes should be reported immediately to the Canadian Secretariat in person or by email at Codex.Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Registration will take place in the lobby of the 2nd floor at Rogers Centre Ottawa as follows:

Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 12:30 – 16:30 EDT

Sunday, May 10, 2026, from 08:30 – 16:00 EDT

Monday, May 11, 2026, from 08:00 - 12:00 EDT

First-Time Delegates

An information session for first-time delegates will be given before plenary on Monday.

About Ottawa

The capital city of Canada, Ottawa, is situated in Ontario on the border between the provinces of Ontario and Québec.

Ottawa is rich in historic and national landmarks and has at its centre the Parliament of Canada on Parliament Hill, the Fairmont Chateau Laurier hotel and the park-lined Rideau Canal, North America's oldest continuously operated canal system and a registered UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is filled with boats in summer, ice-skaters in winter, and has great running trails.

Ottawa offers an abundance of cultural and outdoor attractions such as Major's Hill park, Rideau Falls, the Central Experimental Farm, and the ByWard Market with restaurants, boutique shopping and nightlife.

Ottawa is home to several world-class museums including the National Gallery of Canada, with noted collections of indigenous and other Canadian art. Many museums offer free admission on Thursday evenings. Ottawa is just minutes from the great outdoors and a wealth of outdoor activities in beautiful surroundings such as the vast Gatineau Park covering 361 square kilometers.

For more information on the region including accommodations, restaurants, and tourist attractions please visit OttawaTourism.ca or the National Capital Commission at ncc-ccn.gc.ca.

Language

The National Capital Region is bilingual – English and French. Both languages are widely spoken in this area.



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VENUE

**Rogers Centre Ottawa,
The Gatineau Room (2nd floor)
55 Colonel By Drive,
Ottawa, ON, K1N 9J2
1-800-450-0077**

The 49th Session of Codex Committee on Food Labelling will be held in the Gatineau Room on the 2nd floor at the Rogers Centre Ottawa which is centrally located in downtown Ottawa. Rogers Centre Ottawa is in the central business, shopping, and entertainment area of downtown Ottawa, surrounded by major attractions, most within walking distance. Hotels are available in both Ottawa and Gatineau, conveniently located close to Rogers Centre Ottawa.



Wi-Fi

Access to the free Wi-Fi network will be made available at the time of registration.





Schedule of Events

(all times are EDT unless otherwise indicated)

Tuesday, May 5

15:00 – 18:30 CEST - VWG on Application of food labelling provisions in emergencies (via Zoom)

Saturday, May 9

12:30 – 16:30 - Registration

Sunday, May 10

08:30 – 16:00-- Registration

09:30 - 12:30 – PWG on Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling

12:30 – 14:30 – Lunch break (on your own)

14:30 – 16:00 – PWG on Guidelines on the use of precautionary allergen labelling

Monday, May 11

08:00 - 12:00 – Registration

09:00 – 09:30 – Information for first-time delegates

10:00 – 12:15 – Plenary

12:15 - 13:45 – Lunch break (on your own)

13:45 - 17:30 - Plenary

18:00 - 20:00 – Reception

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 12 & 13

09:00 - 12:15 – Plenary

12:15 - 13:45 – Lunch break (on your own)

13:45 - 17:00 – Plenary

Thursday, May 14

All Day - No Plenary - Report Preparation Day

Friday, May 15

09:00 - Adoption of the report



Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, and Spanish during the meeting and for both the Physical Working Group on Guidance on precautionary allergen labelling and Virtual Working Group on Application of food labelling provisions in emergencies .

Webcast

Both the Physical Working Group and the Session will be broadcast in listening mode in English, French, and Spanish.



Oh, Canada! 🍁



Arriving in Canada – Visa Requirements

Most travelers need a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to, or transit through, a Canadian airport and it is the responsibility of the Delegate [to determine if a visa or eTA is required to enter Canada.](#)

Canada does not have a visa office in every country, so it is important that delegates visit the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada website [IRCC](#) to determine the requirements and how to obtain a visa.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to submit their visa applications or Electronic Travel Authorizations (eTA) well in advance of the date of the event. Processing time for visa applications vary depending on the office and the time of the year.

Please consult [IRCC Secure Network](#) portal to create an account to initiate the visa application if one is required.

The Canadian Secretariat is not responsible for any visa, travel, or accommodation arrangements. However, the CCFL Secretariat will provide a letter of invitation to visa-required delegates upon request.

Please send requests for an invitation letter to the CCFL Secretariat by e-mail at Codex.Canada@hc-sc.gc.ca.



Getting To Ottawa



Arriving in Ottawa by Air:

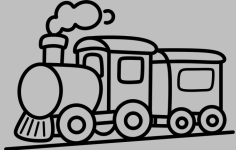
Ottawa is serviced by the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport which is a 20-minute drive to downtown Ottawa.

Transportation From Ottawa International Airport:

Taxis are available on Level 1 of the airport and can take you to and from the International Airport and downtown. Taxi rates from the airport to downtown are approximately \$30 - \$50 CAD.

Ottawa's light rail transit system, the "O-Train", is now connected to Level 3 of the Ottawa Airport Terminal at the North end. Ottawa city buses also service the Ottawa airport. Information and trip planning can be found at [OC Transpo](#).

Bus and O-Train fare is \$4.10 CAD per ride and accept contactless payment by tapping your debit card, credit card or mobile wallet on the fare reader.



Arriving in Ottawa by Train:



The Ottawa Train Station is the main inter-city train station, operated by Via Rail Canada. [Via Rail](#) operates trains between Canadian cities. It is located 4 kilometres east of downtown Ottawa and adjacent to Tremblay O-Train station.



Getting Around Ottawa



Public transportation:



Get around safely with Ottawa's transit system, [OC Transpo](#) (O-Train and local buses). Please see the website for information on planning a trip.

Taxis and Ubers are available throughout Ottawa (and Gatineau).



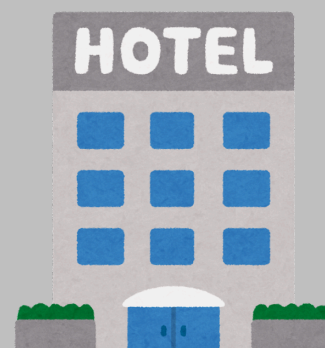
Hotel Accommodations

A list of hotels near the venue with preferred guestroom rates are provided below for your use. You are strongly encouraged to book your accommodations using a valid credit card as soon as possible to take advantage of the preferred rates. Hotel links are provided below for your convenience. Please keep in mind that May is a busy time for tourism, therefore, accommodations may be limited.

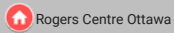
Hotel	Distance From Rogers Centre Ottawa	Website	Booking Reservations link or phone#
DoubleTree by Hilton 33 Nicholas Street Ottawa, Ontario	0.25km	www.hilton.com	Health Canada May 2026 Book by April 6, 2026
Marriott Kent 100 Kent Street Ottawa, Ontario	1.02km	www.marriott.com	Health Canada CCFL49 Reservation book by March 25, 2026
Sheraton Ottawa 150 Albert Street Ottawa, Ontario	0.6km	www.marriott.com	Health Canada - Reservations book by April 9, 2026
Arc the Hotel Ottawa 140 Slater Street Ottawa, Ontario	0.59km	www.arcthehotel.com	CCFL49 Reservations book by April 9, 2026
Lord Elgin 100 Elgin Street Ottawa, Ontario	0.3km	The Lord Elgin Hotel	Codex Reservations book by March 25, 2026
Cartier Place Suites 180 Cooper Street Ottawa, Ontario	0.6km	Cartier Place Suites	call toll-free phone number: 1 800 236 8399 no link book by April 8, 2026
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel 35 Laurier Street Gatineau, Quebec	1.6km	www.marriott.com	Health Canada Reservations book by April 9, 2026
Les Suites Hotel 130 Besserer Street Ottawa, Ontario	450m	www.les-suites.com	CLICK HERE FOR CODEX RATES!
Courtyard by Marriott Ottawa Downtown 350 Dalhousie Street Ottawa, Ontario	0.4km	www.marriott.com	Health Canada Reservations book by April 8, 2026

Other accommodation in the area:

The Westin – 11 Colonel By Drive – **80m** [The Westin Ottawa](#)
Fairmount Château Laurier Hotel– 1 Rideau Street – **0.3km** www.fairmont.com
The Alt Hotel – 185 Slater Street - **0.7km** The Alt Hotel - [Booking link](#)
ByWard Blue Inn - 157 Clarence Street – **0.7km** www.bywardblueinn.ca/
The Business Inn and Suites – 180 MacLaren Street – **0.8km** thebusinessinn.com
Best Western Plus Gatineau Ottawa Downtown – 131 Rue Laurier, Gatineau – **1.74km**
www.bestwesterngatineau.ca



CCFL49 Hotels and Attractions

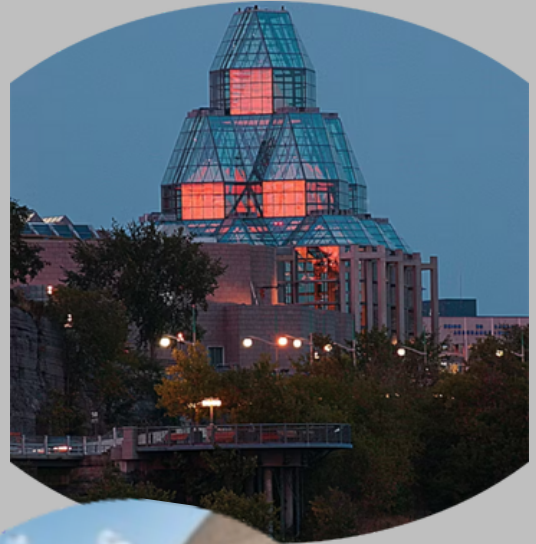
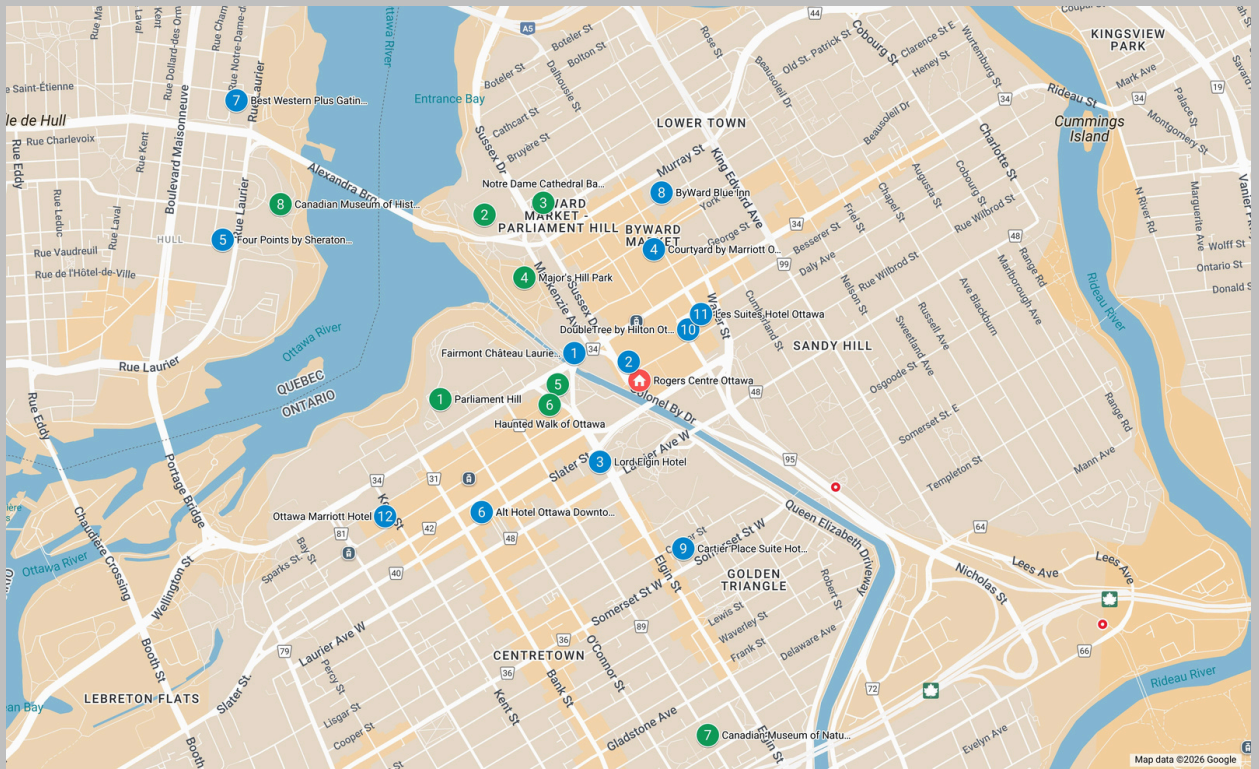


Hotels

- 1 Fairmont Château Laurier
- 4 The Westin Ottawa
- 2 Lord Elgin Hotel
- 3 Courtyard by Marriott Ottawa Downtown
- 5 Four Points by Sheraton Hotel & Conference Centre Gatineau-Ottawa
- 6 Alt Hotel Ottawa Downtown
- 7 Best Western Plus Gatineau-Ottawa Downtown
- 8 ByWard Blue Inn
- 9 Cartier Place Suite Hotel
- 10 DoubleTree by Hilton Ottawa Downtown
- 11 Les Suites Hotel Ottawa
- 12 Ottawa Marriott Hotel

Downtown Ottawa Attractions

- 1 Parliament Hill
- 2 National Gallery of Canada
- 3 Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica
- 4 Major's Hill Park
- 5 The National War Memorial
- 6 Haunted Walk of Ottawa
- 7 Canadian Museum of Nature / Musée canadien de la nature
- 8 Canadian Museum of History



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Useful Information



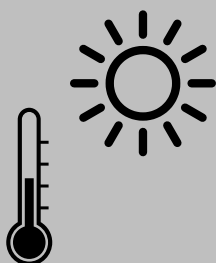
Currency

The Canadian currency system uses Canadian dollars (\$, CAD) and cents (¢), Canadian banknotes or 'bills' are issued in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Canada has one and two-dollar coins, often called the "loonie" and the "toonie" respectively, in addition to 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢ coins. Most places accept debit and/or many of the major credit cards in the event purchases cannot be made using the currency. Up-to-date exchange rates can be found at: [Bank of Canada](http://www.bankofcanada.ca).

Taxes and tips

Purchases will generally include a total tax rate of 13% in Ottawa, Ontario and 14.975% in Gatineau, Quebec. There is also a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) of 4% per night in Ottawa or a Lodging Tax of 3.5% in Gatineau which will be included to your hotel bill.

Additionally, a 15-20% gratuity is customary for good service, for example at a restaurant, bar, hair salon, spa or taxi.



Climate

Ottawa has four distinct seasons: spring (March – June), summer (June – September), autumn (September – December) and winter (December – March). The month of May averages a high of 19°C (66°F) and a low of 7°C (45°F), and a sweater, rain gear or jacket is recommended as temperatures can be unpredictable at this time of year.

Time Zones

Ottawa is in the Eastern Time (ET) Zone. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) is in effect in Canada from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November.



Voltage & Electricity



Canadian appliances operate on 120 volts (60Hz). A universal adaptor is required for overseas electrical devices. Main wall sockets (or power outlets) and plugs for 120 volts have either two parallel flat blades or two parallel flat blades with an additional ground prong either below or above the two parallel flat blades.

Useful Information



Emergency Services / Hospitals

Dial 911 for ambulance, fire, and police services in life-threatening situations, crimes in progress, or to report a fire in Ottawa. For other police services in Ottawa, call 613-236-1222 or dial '0' for an operator who will be able to direct you to the services required.

Canadian hospitals are publicly managed with costs for services set by provincial and hospital authorities. Hospital emergency rooms are open 24 hours for emergency care. Hospital care for non-residents of Canada is charged at a daily rate or calculated based on medical condition and length of stay.

For a list of hospitals in the Ottawa area, please consult the following link: <https://www.ottawahospital.on.ca/>.

Ottawa also has walk-in clinics where non-emergency treatment or consultation is available without an appointment. Costs vary by clinic and the type of medical attention required. Please consult the following link [\[Walk in clinics\]](#) to find walk-in clinics in the city.





Local Attractions/Events (within walking distance)

[Parliament of Canada Tours](#)

[Rideau Canal - UNESCO World Heritage Site](#)

[Canadian Tulip Festival May 8-18, 2026](#)

[Canadian Museum of History](#)

[Canadian Museum of Nature](#)

[National Gallery of Canada](#)

[National Arts Centre](#)

[Canadian War Museum](#)

[ByWard Market](#)

[Major's Hill Park](#)

[Ottawa Walking Tours](#)



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CCFL Secretariat

For any additional information regarding the 49th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling at please contact the CCFL Secretariat at codex_canada@hc-sc.gc.ca.



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We look forward to seeing you at CCFL49