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Dear CCCF Delegates,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 19th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF), which will take place from 19 to 23 October 2026. The Netherlands is proud to co-host this session with Egypt, and it will take place in the historic city of Cairo. We look forward to welcoming delegates from the region and beyond.

Before the official session begins on Monday, we are pleased to offer an engaging programme on Sunday afternoon, 18 October (13:00–17:00), in collaboration with the regional FAO and WHO offices. For CCCF, it is important to understand how our food systems are evolving and what new challenges this presents for our work on contaminants. We hope to bring delegates and independent experts together to gain further insights for our work on making our food safer while ensuring fair international trade.

CCCF19 will be webcast in English, French, Spanish and Arabic, and remote participation will be available via Zoom. However, I encourage delegates to attend in person to ensure full participation and interaction with other attendees. Please note that the session will continue without remote access if the Zoom connection is lost. Participants are kindly requested to register through their Codex Contact Points, and to specify whether they will attend in person or remotely. Registration is also required to participate in the virtual meetings of our pre-session working groups, which will take place in the weeks leading up to the session.

Please ensure that you initiate your visa procedures well in advance. For guidance, please consult the “Information for Participants”, which will be available on the CCCF19 webpage. This document also contains information on hotel accommodation and other travel arrangements. Please check the CCCF19 webpage regularly for further updates and relevant information.

The development of our work relies greatly on the engagement, feedback and guidance provided by delegates in our electronic working groups. Chairs from Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Japan, New Zealand, Türkiye and the United States, together with their co-chairs, are currently preparing the working documents for our agenda. I trust you have registered for the relevant groups and are actively contributing your technical expertise. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all contributors for their continued commitment to the Committee’s work.

To honour all the hard work undertaken, I encourage all delegations to consult the working documents, which are set to be published on the CCCF19 webpage in the summer. Please come prepared by focusing on the recommendations outlined in the working papers. Delegations may wish to revisit previous discussions to gain a better understanding of the agenda topics. Please note that the history of discussions is also compiled in the “Working document for information and use in discussions on the GSTCFF”, which is updated before every meeting by the delegations of Japan and the Netherlands.

For first-time delegates, an introductory meeting will be held on Sunday, 18 October at 17:30. Those interested in attending are kindly requested to register by sending an email to VDCodexalimenatrius@minlnv.nl.

I also recommend you attend the [Codex FAO Academy](#) online risk assessment course.

Finally, I warmly encourage you to take the opportunity to spend a few additional days exploring Egypt's cuisine, rich cultural heritage and the natural beauty of the Nile. The meeting location is in Old Cairo, meaning you can easily immerse yourself in its vibrant history and culture. Moreover, it is only a 30-minute drive from the pyramids and the Grand Egyptian Museum.

I look forward to welcoming you all to an engaging and productive session.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Sally Hoffer

Chair

Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

