

43rd Session of the
CODEX COMMITTEE
ON FOOD LABELLING
MAY 9 - 13TH, 2016



The SHAW Centre

■ 55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1N 9J2 ■



INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

CANADA'S CAPITAL

OTTAWA



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Meeting registration should be completed online through the Codex Alimentarius Online Registration System (ORS), at

<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/login/en/>.

Delegates are also reminded to pre-register to the pWG on Organic Aquaculture through the ORS.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

will take place in the Shaw Centre
Rideau Canal Atrium South as follows:

Saturday, May 7th, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monday, May 9th, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The capital of Canada, Ottawa is situated in Ontario on the border between the provinces of Ontario and Québec. The population of the National Capital Region (Ottawa/Gatineau) is estimated just under 1.25 million people.

English and French are integral elements to the Canadian national identity and both languages can be heard in the streets.

Ottawa is an urban centre surrounded by nature and abundant in historical landmarks, including Parliament Hill, Chateau Laurier and the historic ByWard Market. By day the city boasts a bustling farmers' market and chic shops and by night it hums with activity at the restaurants, pubs, and nightclubs. Ottawa also is home to the oldest running canal system in North America, the Rideau Canal which is also a registered UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Free outdoor Capital Wi-Fi in downtown Ottawa-Gatineau lets you access information with your smartphone, tablet or laptop as tour Canada's Capital Region.

For more information on the region please contact OttawaTourism.ca or call 1-800-363-4465 or the National Capital Commission at 1-800-465-1867 (available 7 days a week).



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CENTRE



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The 43rd Session of CCFL will be held at The Shaw Centre, centrally located in downtown Ottawa, within walking distance of over 6,000 downtown Ottawa hotel rooms, numerous attractions and landmarks. The meeting will take place throughout the week in the Ottawa Salon, located on the 2nd floor of the Shaw Centre. Prior to the session, a physical working group is scheduled on Saturday, May 7th in the Ottawa Salon.

ARRIVING IN OTTAWA

It is the responsibility of the Delegate to determine if a visa is required to enter Canada. The Canadian Secretariat is not responsible for any visa, travel or accommodation arrangements. Canada does not have a visa office in every country so it is important that delegates visit the website of the [visa office responsible for processing their visa applications](#).

Delegates are encouraged to submit their visa applications well in advance of the date of the event at a [Visa Application Centre](#) or on-line using [E-applications](#) (e-Apps).

Please visit the [CIC website](#) for information on the time it takes to process visa applications at the various visa offices.

Although the OCCPC cannot influence the visa process, they will assist in any way they can, including providing visa facilitation letters.

No special immunizations or vaccinations are required to visit Canada. For current travel health information visit the Public Health Agency of Canada website at:
<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/tmp-pmv/index-eng.php>.

GETTING HERE

The Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport serves Canada's Capital with direct daily flights to over 30 North American and international destinations – and is just a 20-minute drive from Downtown Ottawa. Approximate Air Travel Times:

- Toronto – 1 hour
- Montreal – ½ hour
- New York – 1 ½ hours
- London – 6 hours
- Frankfurt – 7 hours



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Ottawa International Airport

- HOTEL -

ACCOMMODATIONS

A list of hotels in the vicinity of the venue with preferred guestroom rates is provided below for your use. Additional hotel links are also provided below for your convenience. Please keep in mind that May is the beginning of a peak period in Ottawa and accommodations may be limited.

GETTING AROUND OTTAWA

Taxis are available to take you to and from the Ottawa International Airport and throughout Ottawa. Taxi rates from the airport to Downtown Ottawa are approximately \$30 - \$40 CAD.

Public Transportation - Route 97 departs from pillar 14 outside the level 1 Arrivals area. Bus tickets are available at the Ground Transportation Desk located on level 1 at the central door of the Arrivals area. This route takes about 40 minutes and brings you within walking distance of many hotels. For more information or to use the Travel Planner please visit the OC Transpo website at: www.octranspo1.com/

HOTEL & BOOKING INFORMATION	CODEX GROUP RATE & RESERVATION DEADLINE	RATING & WALKING DISTANCE
The Lord Elgin Hotel 100 Elgin Street www.lordelginhotel.ca/ Reservation: Phone: 1-800-267-4298 (USA & Canada) or 1-613-235-3333 (International) Email: reservations@lordelgin.ca	Starting at \$179 CAD/night Booking Code: The 43rd Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling Rate available until: April 6, 2016	8 Minutes 3 ½ Stars
Novotel Hotel 33 Nicholas Street www.NovotelOttawa.com/ Reservation: Phone: 1- 613-230-3033 Online booking link: Click here	Starting at \$189 CND/night Booking Code: 311453 Rate available until: April 6, 2016 Room Cancellation Policy: 6:00pm day of arrival.	4 Minutes 3 Stars
Les Suites Hotel Ottawa 130 Besserer Street www.les-suites.com Reservation: Phone: 1-800-267-1989 (US & Canada) or 1-613-232-2000 (International) Online booking link: Click here Email: reservations@les-suites.com	Starting at \$169 CND/night Booking Code: CCFL43 Rate available until: April 1, 2016 Room Cancellation Policy: 48 hours in advance of arrival.	5 Minutes 3 Stars

Other accommodation in the area:

The Westin – 11 Colonel By Drive – www.thewestinottawa.com/
Fairmont Château Laurier Hotel – 1 Rideau Street - www.fairmont.com/laurier-ottawa/
The Sheraton Ottawa - 150 Albert Street - www.sheratonottawa.com/
Capital Hotel & Suites - 88 Albert Street - www.capitalhill.com/
The ARC Hotel Ottawa - 140 Slater Street - www.arcthehotel.com/ottawa-hotels/



CANADIAN CURRENCY

The Canadian currency system uses Canadian Dollars (\$, CAD) and cents (¢), up-to-date exchange rates can be found at:

<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/daily-converter/http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/daily-converter/>

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¢ ("nickle"), 10¢ ("dime") and 25¢ ("quarter") coins. Most places accept debit and/or many of the major credit cards in the event purchases cannot be made using the currency.

Purchases will generally include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) at 13%. Additionally, a 15-20% gratuity is customary for good service, for example at a restaurant, bar, hair salon, spa or taxi, to name a few.

Climate & Weather

Ottawa has four distinct seasons: spring (March – June), summer (June – September), autumn (September – December) and winter (December – March)

May averages a high of 19°C (66°F) and a low of 7.5°C (45.5°F), a sweater or jacket is recommended as temperatures can be unpredictable.

VOLTAGE & ELECTRICITY

Canadian appliances operate on 110 volts (60Hz). A universal adaptor is required for overseas electrical devices. Main wall sockets (or power outlets) and plugs for 110 volts are in a two pronged configured with parallel flat blades. If those sockets are different from the ones used in your country you will need a socket converter.

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/Gatineau. 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. Charges vary across the country, but range from \$1000 - \$3000 a day.

For a list of Hospitals in the Ottawa area, please consult the following link: www.OttawaHospital.on.ca/ContactUs.

Most cities also have walk-in clinics where non-emergency treatment or consultation is available without an appointment. Costs vary by clinic and medical attention required. A list of walk in clinics can be found [here](#).

TIME ZONES

Ottawa is in the Eastern Time Zone. Daylight Saving Time is in effect in Canada from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, during Daylight Saving Time, Ottawa is four hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC - 4h)

MAP OF AREA



MAP OF RESTAURANTS IN THE VICINITY



INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

Questions regarding logistics should be directed to the Codex Contact Point for Canada, at Codex_Canada@HC-SC.gc.ca.