

CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES / CCFFV

19th Session

October 5 – 9, 2015

**Hotel Azul Ixtapa
Paseo Punta Ixtapa, Lote 2 Zona Hotelera II,
Ixtapa Guerrero, Mexico**

GUIDE FOR DELEGATES



Registration

If you are interested in attending the meeting, please confirm your participation no later than September 5 through the Codex online registration system, or alternatively send the information of the appointed delegates to the following e-mail addresses: codexmex@economia.gob.mx , and codexmex1@economia.gob.mx

Procedure to get a Visa

To find out if a visa to access Mexico is required, it is recommended to access the following website: <http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php?page/Paises visa>.

Requirements for processing a visa can be read on the following website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <Http://www.sre.gob.mx/index.php/visas-para-extranjeros>, and in the website <Http://serviciosconsulares.sre.gob.mx/index.php/es/visas>

In case of a visa is required, please perform the processing with at least one month in advance. The Secretariat of the CCFFV may only grant customized letters to delegates who require it. If so, please send your request to the e-mail address codexmex@economia.gob.mx copying to codexmex1@economia.gob.mx, indicating the name of the person and job information, as well as the recipient's e-mail address.

Unless applications are received by **September 5**, the possibility of having such letter will not be guaranteed.

Translation

Spanish, English and French translation will be provided.

Documents and Report

Paper copies of the working paper will not be available for this meeting, so it is important to bring them with you.

Important

The preliminary report will be available as follows:

- A paper copy will be delivered to each delegate according to the language indicated in the form previously delivered to the head of delegation and;
- Form will be available as FTP format in the FAO's website.

Internet

Internet service will be available in the meeting venue.

Meeting venue and location

The venue will be the Room Azul Ixtapa, in Hotel Azul Ixtapa, located at:

Paseo Punta Ixtapa, Lote 2 Zona Hotelera II, Ixtapa Guerrero. CP 40880, Mexico. Only 20 minutes away from the International Zihuatanejo Airport.

Rooms for private meetings of the Committee members will not be available.

Lodging

There will be a special rate for Delegates:

AZUL IXTAPA	MXN/* USD
<i>All Inclusive</i> Single Room, price per night .	\$2,190.00 / \$139.00
<i>All Inclusive</i> Double Room, price per night per person .	\$1,440.00 / \$92.00

AZUL IXTAPA GRAND	MXN/* USD
Single Room <i>All Inclusive</i> , price per night	\$2,490.00 / \$158.00
Double Room <i>All Inclusive</i> , price per night per person	\$1,640.00 / \$104.00



All Inclusive Plan includes:

Luxury room, Ocean view, breakfast, lunch, and buffet for dinner in the Hotel's restaurants from 7:00 to 23:00 hrs.; Snacks from 12:00 to 18:00 hrs.; national and international drinks served in the consumption centers of the Hotel from 11:00 to 24:00 hrs; more than 100 sports and recreational activities (kayaking, sailing, snorkeling, bicycles, etc) ;Taxes and gratuities.

* Fees are specified in US dollars as reference and may vary depending on the exchange rate at the booking.

For booking in the main hotel please follow this indications:

- Fill out the attached sheet (reservation form) and send it to the following e-mail address: almarelilopez@yahoo.com.mx
- Deadline for booking **September 15th, 2015**.
- In case you want to cancel, it should be done no later than **August 19th, 2015**. After this date, the charge for **two** nights will be applied to your credit card.

General Information

- Currency: Mexican Peso
- Taxi fares within Zihuatanejo US\$2.00 to US\$3.50, within the Ixtapa area US\$3.00 to US\$6.00, between Ixtapa and Zihuatanejo US\$5.00 (From El Palmar area to the Downtown). Other sites from US\$5.00

The rates are fixed and the taxis do not have taximeters. All rates have a surcharge of 50% during the night, from midnight to 6:00am.

- Dialing: Area code is 52 (Mexico) + 755 (Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo) + local number.
- Power: 110 volts.
- According to the law, smoking inside of buildings, hotels, restaurants, shops, etc. is not allowed. Some businesses offer open areas for smokers. If you are a smoker, please ask for the established areas.
- Emergency: Dial 066 (police, fire or rescue services). From a mobile dial 112. If an ambulance is required dial 065 or 114 from a mobile phone.
- The main Credit and Debit Cards, like VISA and MASTERCARD are widely accepted in the most of shops and services in Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo.

AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS CLUB, DISCOVER, and other credit cards are also welcome but only in some establishments. Usually they are accepted in Five-star and boutique hotels as well as luxury restaurants.

About Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo - Guerrero, Mexico



Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo is a beautiful tourist destination that is part of the recognized *Triangulo del Sol* of the Mexican state of Guerrero, together with Acapulco, a world icon of Mexico City, and Taxco, a colonial type city destination of the State.

It is located on the shores of the Guerrero State, in the southwest of Mexico, in the area known as the *Pacifico Dorado*, which is part of the famous Mexican Riviera.



During the year, it has a semi-tropical climate with an average of 300 sunny days, and temperatures ranging commonly between 23 and 33 degrees Celsius (73.4 and 91.4 degrees Fahrenheit).

The rainy season is from late June to September and sometimes until mid-October with rainfall, usually in the evenings or nights, which allows to enjoy several hours of sunshine in the day.



The most activities and tours in Ixtapa Zihuatanejo can be done on foot.

Almost everything is close to everything or just a short distance with a relaxing and pleasant walk of 5 to 15 minutes, and when distance is greater and transport is required, the cheapest option are buses (minibuses) and the collective transport (“combis” or “peseras”). There is also a good crew of safe taxis, and their rates are quite reasonable.