



SEMINAR FOR FIRST TIME DELEGATES

**INTRODUCTION TO THE
16TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT
AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS**

**SURFERS PARADISE MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA
158 FERNY AVENUE, SURFERS PARADISE
GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA**

2.30PM - 25 NOVEMBER 2007

To ensure the effective participation of all Members in this Committee, the Chair and the Australian Secretariat would like to invite all first time participants to attend an information seminar prior to the commencement of the plenary session. The seminar will be held on Sunday 25 November at 2.30pm in the ballroom of the Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa. Participants must register with the Secretariat before attending the seminar; registration facilities at the venue (Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa) will be available commencing at 2.00pm on Sunday 25 November. The seminar will be conducted in English, Spanish and French.

This short seminar will cover the following:

- Seating arrangements;
- Operation of microphones & headsets;
- How to make an intervention; and
- Papers for the meeting including an overview of the issues for discussion with respect to the draft Codex Guidelines currently at Step 3 of the Codex process:
 - Proposed draft Appendices to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems; and
 - Discussion papers on proposed items of new work.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the Chair and the Australian Secretariat on any other issues concerning the operation of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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