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Invitation to the Thirty-fourth Session of the CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING Ramada Plaza Hotel, Budapest, Hungary, 4-8 March 2013

Reply Requested by 4 February 2013

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Director-General of the World Health Organization have the honour to extend an invitation to attend the above Session which will be held in the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Árpád Fejedelem útja 94, 1036 Budapest, at the kind invitation of the Government of Hungary. The Session will begin at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 4 March 2013. Registration facilities will open at 9.00 a.m.

The Session is being convened under the authority of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and is open to Member Nations and Associate Members of both Organizations and to observers. Member Nations and Associate Members of both Organizations which are not Members of the Codex Alimentarius Commission may attend as observers. Expenses incurred in connection with attendance at sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and travel of delegations of the Members of the Commission and of the observers shall be borne by the governments concerned.

The Session will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. Arrangements for simultaneous interpretation in these languages will be the responsibility of the Host Government.

The Provisional Agenda is enclosed. Further documents will be available for downloading at http://www.codexalimentarius.org as soon as they are available. Additional information will also be available for download from http://www.nebih.gov.hu/szakteruletek/szakteruletek/eki/szakmai sarok/ccmas2013.

The Directors-General of FAO and WHO would appreciate being informed by 4 February 2013 of the names, official titles and addresses of the representatives or observers designated to attend. Codex Contact Points and international organizations with observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission are kindly requested use the online registration system by accessing http://www.codexmeetingmanager.com. Login and password for the online registration have been provided to all Codex Members and Observers. If the login and password have not been received, please contact info@codexmeetingmanager.com.

In case of technical difficulty the registration may also be sent to the Hungarian Codex Contact Point (National Food Chain Safety Office, Directorate for Food Safety Risk Assessment, H-1581 Budapest 146., Pf. 56. Hungary, e-mail: HU-CodexCP@nebih.gov.hu; Fax: +36 1 387 9400), with a copy to the Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission, at the above address.

Participants are advised to enquire at the nearest Embassy or Consulate of Hungary whether visas or other documents are required to enter Hungary. No visa can be issued at the airport upon arrival.

This invitation is sent to addressees of invited countries in the official mailing lists of FAO and WHO, as follows:

FOR ACTION, as appropriate:

Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministries of Agriculture, or Ministries of Health

Central Contact Points for FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission matters

FOR INFORMATION:

FAO Regional and Sub-Regional Offices

FAO Liaison Offices FAO Representatives WHO Regional Offices

WHO Programme Coordinators

Permanent Missions to the UN Office at Geneva or

to the Specialized Agencies

Permanent Representations to FAO/Embassies, Rome

This invitation is also being sent to heads of selected international organizations.