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**Invitation to the Seventh Session of the
AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL CODEX TASK FORCE ON ANIMAL FEEDING
Berne, Switzerland, 4-8 February 2013
Reply requested by 4 January 2013**

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) have the honour to extend an invitation to attend the above Session, which will be held at the Kursaal, Kornhausstrasse 3, 3000 Berne 25, at the kind invitation of the Government of Switzerland. The Session will begin at 09:00 hours on Monday 4 February 2013. Registration facilities will be open on Sunday 3 February 2013 from 08:00 to 16:00 and on Monday 4 February 2013 at 08:00 hours. The physical Working Group on the draft Guidelines on application of risk assessment for feed will meet on Sunday 3 February 2013 starting at 9.00 hours at the same venue.

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 or organizations concerned.

The Session will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation is the responsibility of the Host Government.

The Provisional Agenda is enclosed. Further documents will be available for downloading at <ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/meetings/tfaf/tfaf7> as soon as they are available. For additional information on the 7th Session of the *Ad hoc* Intergovernmental Codex Task Force on Animal Feeding please visit www.codextfaf.ch.

The Directors-General of FAO and WHO would appreciate being informed by **4 January 2013** of the names, official titles and addresses of the representatives or observers designated to attend.

The Host Secretariat of the *Ad hoc* Intergovernmental Codex Task Force on Animal Feeding has put in place an online registration system. Codex Contact Points and international organizations with observer status with the Codex Alimentarius Commission are kindly requested to use the online registration system by accessing the following link: www.codexmeetingmanager.com. A 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.

Alternatively, the names, official titles and addresses of the representatives or observers designated to attend can be sent to the the Host Secretariat of the *Ad hoc* Intergovernmental Codex Task Force on Animal Feeding by email to secretariatTFAF@blw.admin.ch, with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy e-mail: codex@fao.org.

Participants are advised to immediately inquire at the nearest Swiss Embassy or Consulate to determine whether visas or other documents are required to enter Switzerland.

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, as appropriate
Central Contact Points for FAO/WHO
Codex Alimentarius Commission matters

For INFORMATION:

FAO Regional and Subregional Offices
FAO Liaison Offices
FAO Representatives
WHO Regional Offices
WHO Representatives
Permanent Missions to the UN Office at Geneva or to the
Specialized Agencies
Permanent Representations to FAO/Embassies in Rome

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