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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**46<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD HYGIENE  
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The following communication, received on 3 October 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Peru.

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1. As a Member of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Peru specifies that "until such time as the relevant standard is adopted, food and beverage manufacturing is governed by the Codex Alimentarius standards applicable to the product or products manufactured ..." <sup>1</sup>, and the country has a National Codex Alimentarius Committee (CNC).
  2. The Plenum of the CNC is composed of representatives of the Ministry of Health through the General Directorate of Environmental Health (DIGESA), which holds the chairmanship, the Ministry of Agriculture through the National Agricultural Health Service (SENASA), the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism, the Peruvian Commission for the Promotion of Exports and Tourism (PROMPERÚ), the National Institute for the Defence of Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI), the Ministry of the Economy and Finance, the Ministry of Foreign Relations and the Ministry of Production. Industry, the Consumer Association and academia are members of the National Codex Committee.
  3. The CNC Plenum meets in regular ordinary sessions. At its 67<sup>th</sup> regular meeting on 23 April 2012, it decided to co-sponsor the meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene. In coordination with the United States Government, it was agreed that Peru would host the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene in 2014, one of the objectives being Peru's positioning within the Codex Alimentarius. This would bring Peru's National Codex Committee closer to other Codex Committees worldwide and build up the capacities of Peru's Technical Committee on Food Hygiene through coordinated and methodical work on issues of national interest.
  4. Co-sponsoring will also enable Peru's delegates to participate more effectively in this year's session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, with a focus on prioritizing risk-oriented preventive measures aimed at ensuring food safety, which will help to prevent diseases caused by consuming contaminated foods and to reduce expenditure on medical treatment for these diseases. This will likewise lead to greater emphasis on prioritizing food safety and health regulation policies.
  5. The meeting is intended for the delegates of the 186 Member States (having National Codex Alimentarius Committees), one member organization and 225 observers (intergovernmental organizations, international non-governmental organizations, United Nations and specialized agencies) <sup>2</sup> in the Codex.

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<sup>1</sup> Supreme Decree No. 007-98/SA, Regulation on Sanitary Surveillance and Control of Food and Beverages, Fourth Supplementary, Transitional and Final Provision.

<sup>2</sup> According to Letter CX 2/7 from the Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

6. The Codex Secretariat has issued the invitations to Member States along with the agenda for the 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene, which will take place from 17 to 21 November 2014 at the Hilton Hotel in Lima, Peru.

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