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### WHO at the Beijing Olympic Games

WHO, in collaboration with the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG), the Ministry of Health and the Beijing Food Administration introduced a health promotion campaign on health benefits of food safety, healthy diets and appropriate physical activity. **The 3 Fives: Five Keys to Safer Food, Five Keys to a Healthy Diet, Five Keys to Appropriate Physical Activity** are launched for the first time in the context of Beijing Olympics Games with an initial printing of 1.4 million copies disseminated in strategic locations such as airports, Olympic venues, hotels and in communities. WHO strongly encourages the translation, reproduction and dissemination of these recommendations. WHO would welcome further collaboration to promote these messages in international events, especially from national health authorities. The 3 Fives are available in English and Chinese at: [http://www.who.int/foodsafety/consumer/3\\_fives\\_Beijing/en](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/consumer/3_fives_Beijing/en)

WHO and Ministry of Health, PR China, made a specific adaptation of the **WHO Guide on Safe Food for Travellers**. The Guide was endorsed by BOCOG and will be available at the Olympic venues and other public places. A hotline number was included in the guide and the Ministry of Health has established a response network. WHO strongly encourages the adaptation, reproduction and dissemination of these recommendations.

The guide is available in the six official languages at: <http://www.who.int/foodsafety/publications/consumer/travellers/en>

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### Project to update the principles and methods for the assessment of chemicals in food - Request for comments

FAO and WHO have initiated a joint [Project to Update and Consolidate Principles and Methods for the Risk Assessment of Chemicals in Food](#). Within the framework of this project, several international expert workshops and consultations have been held to develop an updated guidance document. The final draft document is now open for public comments. All comments will be collated and considered in a final expert consultation later in 2008 and the final document will be published in the Environmental Health Criteria series, then superseding the previous EHC 70. The draft document is available [here](#). Comments should be submitted by 15 September 2008 electronically by e-mail to JECFA: [jecfa@who.int](mailto:jecfa@who.int).

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### Call for data for the 71st JECFA (Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives) June 2009

The 71st meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 16 to 24 June 2009 which is to deal with Food Additives. The call is available at <http://www.who.int/ipcs/food/jecfa/jecfa71.pdf>

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### Food Safety Authority of Ireland receives WHO Food Safety Award

The World Health Organization presented the second WHO Food Safety Award to the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) during the 31st Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, held in Geneva, 30 June - 4 July. The Food Safety Award has been given to FSAI in recognition of their international contributions in promoting improved food safety in the global community. Read more at [http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs\\_management/fs\\_award/en](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs_management/fs_award/en)

### New publications available on the web:

**Summary report of the 69th meeting of JECFA (Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives)**, 17 – 26 June 2008, Rome, Italy, available at: <http://www.who.int/ipcs/food/jecfa/summaries/en>

**INFOSAN note No. 4/2008 – Codex Alimentarius - the International Food Standards** available in the six WHO official languages at: [http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs\\_management/infosan\\_archives/en](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs_management/infosan_archives/en)

**INFOSAN note No. 5/2008 No. 5 – 16 Jul, WHO Initiative to Estimate the Global Burden of Foodborne Diseases** available in the six WHO official languages at: [http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs\\_management/infosan\\_archives/en](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs_management/infosan_archives/en)

**WHO Global Salm-Surv Newsletter No. 1/2008**. Updates on the WHO Capacity-building programme for foodborne and other infectious enteric diseases. Available in English, French and Chinese at: <http://www.who.int/salmsurv/links/newsletters/en>