

Codex meet to develop standards for spices, herbs

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Five-day event to begin at Kovalam on January 21

The Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) will hold its fourth session here this month to deliberate on draft standards for selected spices and herbs and facilitate adoption of more standards that would eliminate trade barriers and strengthen and harmonise the global food sector without compromising on safety.

The five-day event, to be held at The Leela Kovalam from January 21 to 25, will brainstorm on the draft standards for oregano, basil, ginger, garlic, chilli pepper and paprika, nutmeg, saffron, and cloves, which are in the form of reports of Electronic Working Groups established by the previous session held in Chennai in February last.

Governor to open

Governor P. Sathasivam will inaugurate the session on January 21 while Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu will deliver the presidential address.

Rita Teatia, chairperson, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), is scheduled to deliver the keynote address.

Two new work proposals — draft standards for turmeric and small cardamom — will be taken up for deliberations during this session. to harmonise global trade in these two spices.