

British Embassy helps Guatemala to strengthen its business environment

The Building Information Modelling (BIM) is a process for creating and managing information during a construction project across the entire lifecycle of the project. One of the key outputs of this process is the digital description of every aspect of the built asset. It enables those who interact with the project to optimize their actions, improve transparency and account for resources.

The British Embassy believes that the infrastructure and construction sectors can be engines for social development and economic prosperity in Guatemala. To this extent, the newly formed AGEBIM will encourage dialogue between Government, private sector, and academia to help build a digital economy to deliver and manage infrastructure in the country.

The British Government has implemented BIM since 2011 and working closely with other partners, created the Centre for Digital Built Britain –an organization that focusses on delivering policy and practical insights that will enable the exploitation of new and emerging technologies, and data analysis to enhance the natural and built environment.

Speakers at the event included; the British Embassy's Deputy Head of Mission, Barbara Amono-Oceng; and the President of the board of AGEBIM, Alejandro Monterroso. Amongst other guests, representatives of the private sector, Municipality of Guatemala, Guatemalan Chamber of Construction, and members of universities, including deans of architecture and engineering faculties.

Workshop – An analytical roadmap for detecting allergens

The Government Chemist team hosted a workshop at LGC on 28 February 2018, titled 'An analytical roadmap for detecting allergens'.

Food allergens represent a clear threat to the health and well-being of those affected and place an increasing pressure on food producers and the regulatory bodies which govern them.

During 2015, a number of spice products were the subject of a recall owing to the suspected unlabelled presence of almond. Detailed analyses by the Government Chemist team, using a multidisciplinary approach (comprising mass spectrometry, DNA-based methods and ELISA), conclusively demonstrated that the presence of almond (*Prunus dulcis*) could be discounted in favour of a

similar species, Prunus mahaleb. The results illustrate the limitations of adopting single methods, and highlight that more than one analytical approach to detect food allergens can be required. Based on this case study, the workshop focused on providing advice, guidance and best practice on the application of a range of complementary analytical techniques for the detection of allergens in spices.

The workshop was funded by Defra, FSA, FSS and BEIS under the Joint Knowledge Transfer Framework for Food Standards and Food Safety Analysis.

The documents in this section include all of the workshop presentations, together with a copy of an analytical roadmap that can be used for the detection of future allergen/spice combinations.

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[Damage to business and property caused by flooding](#)



If your business property has been damaged and is no longer habitable due to the flooding being experienced in parts of the country you may be entitled to relief from business rates. Find out more about what constitutes a [material change of circumstance](#) – paragraph 8 relates specifically to flooding.

You may be entitled to a Council Tax reduction if your domestic property is no longer habitable.

In both instances please contact your billing authority in the first instance, who will be able to give you further guidance.

[Valencia CF vs Chelsea FC travel advice](#)



Date: Wednesday 27 November 2019

Venue: Mestalla Stadium, Valencia

Kick off time: 6.55pm (local time)

As well as this advice, check out our [travel advice for Spain](#).

Passports and visas

- British nationals don't need a visa to travel to Spain, but your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay. No additional period of validity beyond this is required
- remember your [European Health Insurance Card \(EHIC\)](#) is valid for Spain but you should still take out [travel insurance](#) even if you're only going for one night – it could save you a lot of money if you get into difficulties
- you must provide ID (your passport) if requested by a police officer. The police have the right to hold you at a police station until your identity is confirmed
- always take care of your passport, as getting a replacement is costly and time-consuming. Remember to keep a photocopy or scanned copy of your passport somewhere safe
- if you lose your passport, you'll need to apply for an [Emergency Travel Document online](#)

Getting to the stadium

Stadium address:

Avenida Suecia s/n,
46010 Valencia

[Estadio de Mestalla](#) is located just east of Valencia's historic city centre. The walk from the cathedral or the main railway station (Estación del Norte) is approximately a 30 minute walk.

Alternatively, you can [travel to the stadium by metro](#) Metro stop Aragón, on line 5, is next to the stadium. Line 5 will also take you to [Valencia airport](#) Another option is taking metro line 3 to station Facultats, which is a 5-minute walk north of the stadium.

At the match

- access to the stadium can be slow. There will be ticket checks and body searches at the entrance to the turnstiles. To avoid a last minute bottleneck you should get to the stadium early – doors will open at least 90 minutes before kick-off
- police and stewards may ask to see the ID of ticket holders to prevent ticket fraud, so you should carry photo ID with you
- Chelsea fans should enter the stadium at the away supporters end through gates N15 and N16
- you should follow Spanish police instructions and avoid physical contact of any type (including requests to take photos etc)
- fans found in the general home area will be removed from the stadium
- anyone who is obviously drunk will not be allowed into the stadium. Also, any banners bearing political slogans will not be allowed in the stadium
- flares, fireworks, alcoholic drinks, cans, glass, bottle tops, or containers over 500ml are not allowed in the stadium. Snacks, soft drinks and water can be purchased inside the stadium. Flag and banner poles should be removed before entering
- Spanish police will decide on match day whether visiting supporters will be kept behind after the match to allow the home fans to disperse

Tips

- the area around the bar “Manolo del Bombo” close to the stadium can be a popular meeting point for away fans visiting Valencia. In previous matches, Spanish police have moved fans away from this area if it is seen to be getting too crowded or rowdy. If this happens, please follow the instructions of the Spanish police at all times
- petty criminals often operate in areas where there are large crowds, so be vigilant and keep your valuables secured
- in Valencia, as in any other city, beware of pickpockets and bag snatchers at airports, railway and stations, around the town centre and when using public transport. Only carry what you need, leave spare cash and valuables in hotel safety deposits
- drinking in the streets in parts of Spain, including Valencia, is illegal, and on-the-spot fines may be issued

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The local emergency services contact number is 112.

Further information

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Pumping operation continues to reduce flood water levels in Fishlake

So far 38 pumps have been set up across South Yorkshire, including at eight separate locations in the Fishlake area, moving 50 million litres of water per hour to help protect homes and businesses.

The pumps have removed 1.25 million tonnes of water in the past 24 hours and this has helped to reduce water levels in the village from 2 metres to 0.3 metres – a decrease of 85%.

Environment Agency crews will install more pumps at Fishlake today. Around 200 EA operational staff have been out on sites in Yorkshire assisting with pumping, and deploying sandbags and temporary barriers ahead of likely further rainfall today.

Army personnel were also deployed yesterday to help in the area.

Approximately 14,400 properties have been protected by flood defences, including nearly 5,000 properties in South Yorkshire.

Kate Marks, Flood Duty Manager at the Environment Agency, said:

“Heavy rain today is expected to cause river and surface water flooding across parts of England, continuing into tomorrow in some areas, as well as potentially contributing to ongoing flood impacts in Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire.

“Our thoughts are with those communities who have been hit by floods and suffered the devastating effects over the past few days. Today we ask them to please remain vigilant and take steps to prepare for flooding by checking their flood risk regularly and making plans to stay safe.

“The Environment Agency has teams working around the clock on the ground pumping away flood water, erecting temporary barriers and delivering sandbags to areas expecting further rainfall.

“Our incident rooms remain open 24 hours a day, working closely with local authorities and partners.”

To keep safe and stay informed please go to
<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>