



4TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)

Place: Rue Belliard 232, 1040 Brussels

22 February 2018

MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the members of the panel. There were no apologies.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with some modification. Due to time constraints, agenda item 7 was converted into a presentation on technical product assessment carried out at the JRC. On agenda item 6, only the first item was discussed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no new interests declared. The revised declaration of interest of the Chair had been published on the website.¹

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted and would be published on the website of the IAP subsequent to the meeting.²

5. EXCHANGE WITH THE TECHNICAL GROUP OF SENSORY AND CHEMICAL ASSESSORS

The Consortium EUREST-FLAVOURS organizing the work of the Technical Group of Sensory and Chemical Assessors (TG) presented their overall workplan and approach to the IAP. The focus was on the establishment of the group of reference products, the methodology to support the decision taking on products regarding characterising flavours, the approach for the sensory assessment and the chemical analysis. In line with the provisions of the Framework contract, the TG confirmed that they could start working immediately on the proposal regarding products to be considered for the reference group and on the identification, screening, selection and recruitment of potential sensory assessors. The IAP discussed the approach presented with the TG and provided feedback. It was agreed that the TG would share presentations and proposed work-plans with the IAP for comments and feedback. The Secretariat reminded participants of the roles of the IAP and the TG specified in the Commission Implementing Decision 2016/786.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/tobacco/docs/doi/doi_buettner_en.pdf

² https://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/products/characterising_flavours/panel_en#fragment0

6. ONGOING WORK AND DISCUSSIONS

6.1. Methodology for the technical assessment of test products

The IAP reflected on the discussions held under agenda item 5 and agreed on ways to assess and provide input to the methodological approach presented by the TG.

6.2. Relevant data sources

The item was not discussed in detail.

7. PRODUCT ASSESSMENT

JRC presented ongoing work in relation to tobacco products and e-cigarettes, including on the chemical assessment of cigarettes. Approaches and results on the determination of volatiles via analytical methods were presented.

8. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

A general approach to future collaboration with the technical group was discussed. It was emphasized that a very close collaboration between both groups with regular interaction was desirable. The possibility to meet jointly at the next meeting of the IAP was mentioned.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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