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32ND MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)

11 OCTOBER 2021 (14:00-17:00)

VENUE: TEAMS VIDEOCONFERENCE

- MEETING MINUTES -

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the members of the panel.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no new interests declared.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted subject to minor editorial modifications. Subsequently, they will be published on the website of the IAP.¹

5. UPDATE ON THE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

The Commission asked the IAP if the technical group (TG) needs to carry out sensory and chemical assessment for the products covered by “request D”, received on 11 October 2021.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION OF THE PANEL

The rank rating analysis has been completed for all products of the “request A” and TG presented high level overview of the overall outcomes. The results on product-by-product basis will be discussed in the next meeting. The IAP further discussed draft opinions prepared by the rapporteur, including their formal aspects.

Test samples for request B have reached the sensory laboratory and are ready for sensory analysis. TG informed that the results of their chemical analysis would be circulated in the coming days.

The IAP appointed rapporteurs for the requests B and C. For the new request D, the panel asked for sensory and chemical testing to be performed by TG.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/products/characterising_flavours/panel_en#fragment0

The IAP decided to agree with the Member State that submitted request B, on a new date for the submission of the opinion referred to in Article 10(6) of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/786. The IAP clarified that the information that are currently available regarding test products assessed under request B, does not allow to reach a conclusion on all the aspects of this request at this stage. Consequently, also due to the workload of the panel which needs to accommodate several requests in parallel, it will not be possible to provide opinion on these products within the standard 3-months period.

7. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meetings have been scheduled for 18th of October, 18th November and 7th December.

TG informed about the upcoming testing sessions schedule.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other topics have been tabled for discussion. The Chair thanked the participants and looked forward to the next meeting of the Panel.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members of the IAP

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