



53RD MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS

31 JULY 2023 (9:30-17:30)

VIRTUAL

- MEETING MINUTES -

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all participants. One IAP member had excused his presence in advance of the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of conflicts of interest were stated.

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 IAP¹.

5. REGULATORY UPDATES

The Secretariat informed that DG SANTE received a request for access to documents concerning, *inter alia*, request E.

IAP was informed that a contractor was selected for the new framework contract to operate the Technical Group and the kick-off meeting is expected in September.

6. IAP OPINIONS

Rank rating for the products of requests F and G will be only possible under the new contract.

¹ [Independent Advisory Panel on characterising flavours in tobacco products \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

In this respect, the Secretariat informed IAP Members that the relevant Member State agreed on a deadline extension for the opinions under request F.

Due to the fact the performance of rank rating will only be possible under the new contract, in September, it was decided that IAP Secretariat will need to request also a deadline extension for request G.

7. METHODOLOGY FOR HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS ASSESSMENT

A conclusive discussion took place with the outcome of a finalised document, ready to undergo proofreading. It was agreed that the final revised document would be approved by written procedure.

8. FUTURE WORK / NEXT STEPS

The following meeting is scheduled on the 22nd September (format tbc), where a presentation on the activities and operation of the new contract by the TG will take place.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No additional points were raised.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members of the IAP

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