



54TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS

22 SEPTEMBER 2023 (9:00-13:00)

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1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all participants.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were stated.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted and will be subsequently published on the website of the IAP¹.

5. REGULATORY UPDATES

The contract with the new Technical Group was signed in early September.

The IAP Methodology, was adopted by written procedure on the 31st August.

The Commission Decision approving the IAP methodology is now undergoing the internal consultation procedure.

DG SANTE is preparing for the WHO Conference of the Parties on Tobacco Control event, that is scheduled to take place in Panama in November. The attention was also raised to the European Network for Smoking Prevention (ENSP) conference in October, where a specific session on flavours will take place.

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

DG SANTE received a confirmatory request for access to documents concerning, *inter alia*, request E, after having provided a first reply to the applicant.

In the context of the study supporting the evaluation of the legislative framework for tobacco control, a set of validation workshops with the different stakeholders groups will be organised in the week of 2 – 6 October.

6. INPUT TO THE KICK-OFF OF THE NEW FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL GROUP WORK PLAN

The TG provided a comprehensive overview of the newly launched contract's tasks as well as some practical aspects on the operation of the TG, outlining the specific roles of each project member. Project management key performance indicators (KPIs) were discussed. The TG Secretariat will maintain a real-time logbook with comprehensive information on operations and samples. Operation and maintenance of the sensory panel were presented, aligned with the IAP methodology. Possible training of additional assessors was discussed.

7. IAP OPINIONS

Rank rating for the products of requests F and G will take place in the coming weeks. An extension of the deadline for request G was agreed with the relevant Member State

8. FUTURE WORK / NEXT STEPS

The following meeting is scheduled on the 17th October in Luxembourg. Following the presentation of the activities and work plan in the 55th meeting, an in-depth discussion will take place with the participation of all the relevant parties (SANTE/HaDEA/JRC/IAP/TG).

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No additional points were raised.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members of the IAP

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JRC F4

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Technical Group representatives