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**48TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON
CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)**

7 FEBRUARY 2023 (9:15-13:15)

VENUE: TELECONFERENCE

– MEETING MINUTES –

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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

DG SANTE updated the panel on the recent internal reorganisation and the new Head of Unit.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES OF INTEREST

IAP further discussed a draft TG report summarising the 1st phase of the methodology development for HTPs. The report shows that most of the practical/logistical steps may be retained from the established methodology for cigarettes and RYO if adjusted for the differences in the weight and density of the tobacco filler. Further discussion was held on applicability of the existing reference spaces to the new product category and on the selection of HTPs to be considered for the reference space.

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

6. UPDATE FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP (TG)

TG updated on the shipment progress and expressed their confidence that the “request E” products would be available in time for the scheduled sensory sessions of 21 and 28 February. TG would update the panel on the descriptive profiling results before progressing with the rank rating stage and submit the product reports well in advance of the next meeting.

TG presented their proposal for additional HTPs to be tested in the second phase of the methodology development. IAP agreed with the initial subset of 7 products which shall be sourced and tested in advance of the next meeting. The remaining products would be selected on the basis of the interim results.

7. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting is scheduled for 14 March and will take place in-person in Brussels.

The Chair thanked the participants and looked forward to the next meeting of the Panel.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SANTE informed the IAP that the notice on a new framework contract to provide services to support the assessment of characterising flavours in tobacco products (operation of the Technical Group) was published on the 6th February and will be open for applications until the 11th April.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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