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46TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)

29 NOVEMBER 2022

VENUE: BRUSSELS, F101 01/042

- MEETING 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 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 IAP.¹

5. REGULATORY UPDATES

DG SANTE informed the panel that the Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/2100 on the withdrawal of certain exemptions in respect of heated tobacco products were published in the Official journal on 3 November 2022, resulting in a characterising flavour ban for HTPs as of Q4 2023. The panel was also informed about ongoing legal proceedings related to this directive.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES OF INTEREST

IAP discussed primarily the methodology development to address inclusion of heated tobacco products and various considerations for selection of products for testing by TG.

The IAP further discussed in detail the response to observations provided by concerned manufacturers to the authorities of relevant Member States as a feedback to previous IAP opinions.

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

DG SANTE informed the panel on the upcoming tender concerning the new TG framework contract, which should ensure smooth service continuation following the expiration of the current contract in 2023. While the basic structure shall remain similar to the current contract, the task and technical requirements may be further specified in the light of the approved IAP methodology and of the associated background documentation published on the IAP website.

7. INPUT FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP (TG)

The technical group presented their extensive EUCEG and market data analysis performed in order to identify reference product candidates. Both, the product composition and the publicly available information concerning the product properties and descriptors, had been taken into account. It was observed that a number of products contained in their filter capsules with flavourings.

On this basis TG proposed a draft list of HTPs for the first round of sensory and chemical testing. TG flagged that, for some products, numerous versions were reported in EU-CEG which do not seem to be effectively available on the market. This may be an additional consideration for the selection of products to be tested.

TG would take into consideration the IAP input and submit the revised product list for approval by IAP.

8. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meetings have been tentatively scheduled for 12 January, 7 February and 14 March 2023. Their format and agendas would be specified closer to the meeting dates.

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

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No additional points were raised.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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