



49TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS

14 MARCH 2023 (9:30-17:00)
VENUE: BRUSSELS, F101 00/42
- MEETING MINUTES -

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all participants. There were no apologies.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted without amendments.

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. REGULATORY UPDATES

The deadline for receipt of tenders on a new framework contract for the operation of the Technical Group (TG) was set on 11th April and the evaluation phase will follow. It is expected to sign the contract in Q3 and the technical group should be fully operational in Q4. There were a number of clarification questions submitted by candidate tenderers, which are normally answered by HaDEA within 5 working days.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES

The IAP discussed the draft reports of the “Request E” products, which were submitted by the TG in advance of the meeting. SANTE presented an analysis of the data submitted for these products in the EU CEG and production dates on the basis of the Track&Trace codes. Subject to a few minor clarifications from the TG, the available information should be sufficient for adoption of the opinions. The rapporteur would circulate the draft opinions once the revised TG reports are available.

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

7. UPDATE FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP

The TG provided IAP with further details of the sensory and the chemical analysis of the two products from ‘Request E’ and following the meeting it will prepare the final version of their reports, taking into consideration all the comments and questions received in the meeting.

The TG reported about the work in progress on Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs): chemical analyses are completed and the sensory analyses still on-going for the products selected. In total, 19 HTPs had been tested to the date, providing the information basis the adaptation of the current IAP methodology to HTPs. The available results were presented and discussed. Additional 5 product would be selected on the basis of a further in-depth analysis, including a review of the latest EU CEG data.

8. FUTURE WORK / NEXT STEPS

Further work shall focus on the adoption of the “Request E”. The forthcoming meetings are tentatively scheduled for 24th April (virtual) and 6th June (in person).

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Ryan, acting Deputy Director General and Director of SANTE B, made a short intervention to acknowledge the work of the IAP and the TG. He also thanked the JRC for their technical and scientific input.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members of the IAP

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