



**43RD MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON
CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)**

07 – 08 JULY 2022

VENUE: HERAKLION CRETE

- MEETING MINUTES -

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the members of the panel. One apology was received from Jan van Amsterdam.

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 discussed and would be adopted in written procedure after the meeting. Subsequently, they will be published on the website of the IAP.¹

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES OF INTEREST

The IAP members took part in the ENSP conference organised in parallel with the meeting. The IAP chair gave a presentation in a dedicated session devoted to flavours in tobacco and nicotine products. There were a number of further presentations of relevance for the work of the panel.

The panel devoted most of its discussion to comments received from the manufacturers in response to the IAP opinions issues under requests A and C. Certain topics have been repeated and would be addressed at more horizontal level.

Furthermore, following the adoption of the delegated act on the “change of circumstances”, the panel discussed practical aspects of determination of characterising flavours in heated tobacco products (HTP). In that respect, a study should be launched for Technical Group to design and test a number of HTPs to identify possible adaptations.

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

6. INPUT FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP

Prior to the meeting, the IAP members visited the Laboratory of Toxicology of University of Crete) to discuss practical details of the chemical analysis. It was confirmed that the laboratory is fully functional and the damage caused by fire in May was fully restored.

The Technical Group has provided further clarifications on various methodological aspects of sensory and chemical tests in the light of the comments submitted by manufacturers. Also the design of the study for HTPs was discussed in details, emphasizing a need of thorough market mapping though analysing of the EUCEG data. The preliminary results should be available by December 2022.

7. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting has been scheduled for 31 August with the aim of consolidating the methodological feedback. The Chair thanked the participants and looked forward to the next meeting of the Panel.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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