



**31<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON  
CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)**

**27 SEPTEMBER 2021 (09:30-13:30)**

**VENUE: TEAMS VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**- MEETING MINUTES -**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed the members of the panel.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no new interests declared.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted subject to minor editorial modifications. Subsequently, they will be published on the website of the IAP.<sup>1</sup>

**5. UPDATE ON THE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS**

The IAP was updated on the recent regulatory developments, including on a new action by one MS on two products considered to have a characterising flavour.

Shipment of test samples for request C is prepared, pending the final set of instructions.

**6. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION OF THE PANEL**

With the rank rating analysis completed for most of the “request A” products the IAP discussed general aspects of the results presentation and interpretation. The remaining rank ratings will be performed in the coming two weeks to allow for the consolidated assessment in the upcoming meetings.

Test samples for request B have reached the sensory laboratory and are ready for sensory analysis. TG informed that the results of their chemical analysis would be circulated in the coming days.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/products/characterising\\_flavours/panel\\_en#fragment0](https://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/products/characterising_flavours/panel_en#fragment0)

## **7. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS**

The next meetings have been scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 and 18<sup>th</sup> of October. TG informed about the upcoming testing sessions schedule.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other topics have been tabled for discussion. The Chair thanked the participants and looked forward to the next meeting of the Panel.

## **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

### **Members of the IAP**

Alberto Del Rio  
Garnt Dijksterhuis  
Jan van Amsterdam  
Emmanuel Vanzeveren  
Wouter Visser  
Efthimios Zervas (Chair)

### **IAP Secretariat** (DG SANTE B2)

Representatives from the EUREST-FLAVOURS consortium