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39TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)

24 FEBRUARY 2022 (13:30-17:00)

VENUE: TEAMS VIDEOCONFERENCE

- 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 discussed and would be adopted in written procedure subject to minor modifications. Subsequently, they will be published on the website of the IAP.¹

5. UPDATE ON THE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

No new regulatory developments reported.

6. INPUT FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP

The Technical Group has provided additional clarifications on various aspects of sensory and chemical tests performed with the request B products.

7. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION OF THE PANEL

IAP discussed the draft opinions concerning the two products in request B. The data provided by the TG were further assessed in the context of the IAP methodology. There was a general consensus whether these products have a characterising flavour, nonetheless the additional information provided by the TG required amendments to their reports. In this respect, it was agreed that the final opinions would be adopted via the written procedure until 28 February.

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

The Members of the Panel were informed that this way of adopting the opinions requires at least four members voting in writing, one of whom must be either the Chair or the Vice-Chair. Further, the Secretariat of the Panel reminded that the opinions could be adopted when a simple majority of the IAP members would express their approval before the deadline.

8. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting has been scheduled for 1st March to discuss request C and D products.

9. 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

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