



27TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)

10 JUNE 2021 (09:30-13:00)

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1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the members of the panel. There was one apology (G. Dijksterhuis).

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 it will be published on the website of the IAP.¹

5. UPDATE ON THE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

5.1. Subgroup on Ingredients

The secretariat thanked the IAP chair for his clear and very informative presentation in the meeting of the Subgroup on Ingredients which took place on 26 May. A number of Member States indicated presence of products with suspect characterising flavour on their markets and shared their experience with the assessment and further regulatory actions being considered.

5.2. Upcoming requests for a panel opinion

The IAP was informed on the steps taken by competent authorities of some Member States involving several manufacturers and various products which may result in a request(s) to be addressed to the IAP.

The IAP agreed on coding the requests in an alphabetical order.

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

With regard to request A, specified on 8 June 2021, the opinion of the IAP is expected to cover 12 TP-IDs that were further specified by this Member State. The request was updated in line with the actual market availability of the originally identified products.

6. DRAFT TEMPLATE OF A PANEL OPINION

The IAP progressed in the clarification of horizontal issues and discussed practical aspects on the procedure for forming its opinion. The members agreed on the IAP's opinion template which is expected to be used for the adoption of the upcoming opinions.

7. UPDATE FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP OF SENSORY AND CHEMICAL ASSESSORS (TG)

The TG confirmed that they received all products related to the request A. In advance of the meeting, the TG provided the IAP with the results of the chemical analysis of a sub-sample of the first five products (selected on the basis of the EU-CEG composition and sales volumes). The sensory analysis will take place later in June 2021. The TG presented several further considerations on sensory testing and clarified various steps of the testing procedure that were related to its logistical aspects.

The TG also expressed their interest in obtaining additional data from the EU-CEG and establishing the date for the next rounds of the tests.

8. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the end June/ beginning of July 2021, subject to the availability of the sensory results from the Technical Group.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair thanked the participants for their active contribution to the meeting and looked forward to the next meeting of the Panel.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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