



## **50<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

**24 APRIL 2023 (9:30-13:30)**

**VENUE: VIDEOCONFERENCE  
- MEETING MINUTES -**

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed all participants.

### **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of conflicts of interest were stated.

### **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 IAP<sup>1</sup>.

### **5. REGULATORY UPDATES**

It was informed that the deadline for receipt of tenders on a new framework contract for the operation of the Technical Group (TG) expired on the 21<sup>st</sup> April, since the initial deadline (11<sup>th</sup> April) was extended by 10 days. The opening of the bids is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> April. The contract is expected to be signed in Q3 and the group should be fully operational in Q4.

DG SANTE informed that the 9<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Tobacco or Health (ECToH) will take place from 26-28<sup>th</sup> April in Madrid and the next meeting of “Group of experts on tobacco policy” is scheduled for 3 May.

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<sup>1</sup> [Independent Advisory Panel on characterising flavours in tobacco products \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

## **6. IAP OPINIONS**

The rapporteur had prepared two draft opinions on the products of the ‘request E’. Following some minor editorial modifications in the TG reports in the course of the meeting, a final discussion took place and the two opinions were adopted unanimously by all IAP members.

The IAP was informed of a new request forwarded to the Members on the 21<sup>st</sup> April (‘Request F’). The IAP discussed the request and tasked the technical group to perform sensory and chemical analysis of the products.

## **7. METHODOLOGY FOR HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS ASSESSMENT**

The TG reported about the work in progress on Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs). In total, 19 HTPs had been tested to the date, providing the information basis for the extension of the current IAP methodology to HTPs. On the basis of the TG analysis, five additional HTPs will be proposed for selection by the IAP members to best complement the market mapping.

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

The TG will collect the samples and start working on the products of “Request F”.

The TG will propose additional five HTPs (upon approval by IAP) for assessment and prepare a draft summary report.

The following meetings are scheduled on the 6<sup>th</sup> June (in person) and on the 7<sup>th</sup> July (tbc).

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No additional points were raised.

### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

#### **Members of the IAP**

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

**IAP Secretariat (DG SANTE B4)**

#### **DG JRC F4**

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