



35TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)

18 NOVEMBER 2021 (14:00-17:00)

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. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.¹

5. UPDATE ON THE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

SANTE informed the panel on the preparation of an Expert Group on tobacco policy² meeting which will take place on 2 December 2021 and will include a dedicated agenda item for an update on the ongoing and upcoming procedures for determination of charactering flavour.

6. INPUT FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP

TG provided the panel with an overview of modifications, mainly of editorial nature, made following the last meeting in their “request A” reports. These reports would become, in form of annexes, integral part of the adopted IAP opinions. TG further updated on the solution found for the pending product shipments and timing of the upcoming sensory sessions for requests B, C and D.

The “rank rating” for two products under request B should take place by the end of November and the results shall be available for discussion in the next meeting.

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

² [Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities \(europa.eu\)](#)

7. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION OF THE PANEL

IAP assessed the initial TG draft reports for the “request B” products including the descriptive profiling and chemical analysis results. Those would be complemented with rank rating data for discussion in the next meeting.

IAP adopted 12 opinions for the “request A” products as prepared by the rapporteur with the final TG reports in their annexes. The IAP members thanked the rapporteur for his commitment and hard work on this first set of IAP opinions. The obtained experience may also facilitate preparation of the future opinions.

In line with the IAP decision tree, all tested samples were considered to possess odour attributes “potentially other than that of tobacco” among the top ten ranked attributes. On that basis, rank rating was performed which demonstrated that the intensity of the odour was in all cases “clearly noticeable”, above the intensity threshold. The qualitative chemical analyses identified substances with sensory properties that could be linked to respective composite odours.

8. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting have been tentatively scheduled for 7th December, subject to the confirmation of the upcoming testing sessions by TG.

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

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