



44TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)

31 AUGUST 2022

**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 adopted and subsequently they will be published on the website of the IAP.¹

5. REGULATORY UPDATES

DG SANTE informed that one MS has initiated a procedure in line with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/779 concerning multiple products and one MS informed about a decision concerning several products. The next meeting of the subgroup of ingredients is scheduled for 26 September. The IAP members may join the relevant session as experts. DG SANTE updated the panel on the status of the delegated act concerning the “change of circumstances” for HTPs.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES OF INTEREST

In the light of the upcoming inclusion of the HTPs in the scope of characterising flavour ban, the panel further discussed relevant aspects of determination of characterising flavours in these products and terms of a study commissioned with the Technical Group. This study should, in a systematic way, assess the applicability of the current methodology, foresee possible adaptations and to test a number of HTPs.

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

The panel further reviewed the validity of the various comments received from the manufacturers in order to support the concerned MSs.

7. INPUT FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP

The Technical Group presented its approach to the upcoming study supporting the extension of the IAP methodology to HTPs to be launched in September. A discussion took place how HTP related EUCEG data can be best used to map the current market and its developments to inform the methodological study.

As no further regulatory tests are foreseen at the moment, the sensory panel will continue in its regular maintenance activities and it will assist with the HTP study.

8. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting, which will take place in person, has been tentatively scheduled for October. The Chair thanked the participants and looked forward to the next meeting of the Panel.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No additional points were raised.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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