



## **23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)**

**PLACE: WEBEX VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**30 SEPTEMBER 2020 (09:30-13:00)**

**- 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. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no new interests declared.

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and would be adopted in written. Subsequent it will be published on the website of the IAP.<sup>1</sup>

### **5. INPUT FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP OF SENSORY AND CHEMICAL ASSESSORS**

TG presented preliminary results of the tests carried with four products recently reported by manufacturers in EU-CEG with a comparably high content of menthol, according to EUCEG. TG produced a separate report for each of the products in line with the previously agreed template. The sensory results will be complemented with the chemical analysis just after the meeting and resend to IAP. IAP noted a presence of various fruity flavours complementing the menthol flavour.

#### **6.1 UPDATE ON THE REGULATORY PROCEDURE:**

The Commission has received the first notifications pursuant the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/779, however, no formal request has been submitted to consult the independent advisory panel. The IAP methodology is now being assessed by DG SANTE to ensure its proper approval by the Director General.

IAP discussed further practical aspects of such requests and in particular logistical aspects of the communication with TG. Concerning the product selection for

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/products/characterising\\_flavours/panel\\_en#fragment0](https://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/products/characterising_flavours/panel_en#fragment0)

regulatory testing a reference was made to existing sampling techniques which would be further discussed.

## **6.2 PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING UPCOMING REQUESTS TO CONSULT THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL**

In absence of a product specific request, IAP agreed to focus on the development of a generic template for future IAP opinions. This would be in principle based on the template agreed for the TG product assessment and complemented with the IAP own considerations. The assessment sheets provided by IAP for products tested in the context of the sensory panel maintenance would be used to populate the template. IAP agreed to appoint Jan van Amsterdam as a rapporteur which would consolidate the input of all IAP members and prepare a draft for discussion in one of the future meetings.

## **7 FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS**

The next meeting will take place on 23 November 2020.

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

### **Members of the IAP**

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Efthimios Zervas (Chair)

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### **Representatives from the EUREST-FLAVOURS consortium**