



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

**WEBINAR / AUDIOCONFERENCE**

**12 February 2019**

### **MINUTES**

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

The Acting Chair (Vice-Chair of the Panel) welcomed the members of the panel and in particular the new member, Dr. Alberto Del Rio, who introduced himself to the group. 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 adopted and would be published on the website of the IAP subsequent to the meeting.<sup>1</sup>

#### **5. DISCUSSION ON THE PROGRESS OF THE TASKS CARRIED OUT BY THE TECHNICAL GROUP OF SENSORY AND CHEMICAL ASSESSORS**

- Update on the (chemical + sensory) testing of the products considered for establishment of the reference group (task 1.2);
- Methodology to support the decision whether a tobacco product has a characterising flavour (task 2).

The IAP briefly discussed the documents and information received prior to the meeting and reflected on feedback to be provided to the TG.

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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)

## **6. EXCHANGE WITH THE TECHNICAL GROUP OF SENSORY AND CHEMICAL ASSESSORS**

The Consortium EUREST-FLAVOURS organizing the work of the Technical Group of Sensory and Chemical Assessors (TG) presented the work carried out since the last exchange, in particular on the following aspects:

- Additional testing carried out to establish the group of reference products (task 1.2), and
- Further development of the procedure including a flow-chart for determining whether a tobacco product has a characterising flavour including decision criteria (task 2).

The IAP discussed the approach presented by the TG and provided feedback.

The IAP provided further feedback on the work carried out. It was pointed out that further work was needed to fully address the request made at and since the last meeting (see minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, agenda item 7). In particular, the IAP noted that the detailed description of the proposed decision process, including the graphical description of the decision tree, was lacking the necessary detail in order to take the decision whether or not a product proposed as a reference product would become part of the final group of reference products. Moreover, the decision criteria whether a test product was to be classified as having a characterizing flavour was still missing.

In line with established practice from earlier meetings, the TG would share presentations and relevant documents including work-plans with the IAP for comments and feedback by the IAP.

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

It was agreed that the TG would further work on the request from the IAP as communicated after the last meeting (see meeting minutes) and that an in-depth discussion would take place at the next meeting on 15 March. This should focus in particular on the following aspects:

- Decision tree to classify products
- Final results of the testing to establish the group of reference products and to define the reference space including the assessment of the impact of outliers.

The TG is expected to provide background documents at the latest one week before the next meeting.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Secretariat informed members that, following the completion of the replacement procedure, the process of replacing the chair and vice-chair would be concluded at the next meeting. Members were asked to express their interest.

## **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

### **Members of the IAP**

Alberto Del Rio  
Garnt Dijksterhuis  
Jan van Amsterdam  
Emmanuel Vanzeveren  
Wouter Visser  
Efthimios Zervas

### **IAP secretariat** (DG SANTE B2)

Katja Bromen  
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