



**42ND MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON
CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)**

17 MAY 2022 (10:00-17:00)

VENUE: TEAMS VIDEOCONFERENCE

- MEETING MINUTES -

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the members of the panel. There were no apologies.

The Secretariat thanked the members for the smooth adoption of the opinions concerning request C via a written procedure on 11 March. The opinions were subsequently submitted to the Member State.

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 subject to minor modifications. Subsequently, they will be published on the website of the IAP.¹

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES OF INTEREST

Following the recent adoption of 18 opinions covering 4 requests, the panel took stake of the acquired experience. The members appreciated the work of the appointed rapporteurs and several suggestions were made to streamline the drafting process and communication with the TG. The rapporteur presented the key arguments outlined in a review report submitted by the manufacturer in response to the set of the request A opinions. Many of those stemmed from the lack of practical details in the approved IAP methodology which had been addressed by the full (except for personal and trade sensitive information) publication of all the partial reports produced and submitted by the TG in the course of the methodology development.

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

6. INPUT FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP (TG)

The Technical Group performed initial pilot tests with heated tobacco products (HTPs) using the approved IAP methodology. That proved feasible with minor adaptations required by different (lower) weight of tobacco filler in sticks. The TG representatives further informed about a fire which hit one of the buildings of University of Crete where the chemical laboratory is situated. The latter was not directly hit, however it was affected by a fire extinguishing system which was automatically triggered. The laboratory should be fully functional within few weeks.

7. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting was scheduled for 9 July in Heraklion (Greece) and will be complemented with the inspection of the restored chemical laboratory. The meeting will take place in the margins the ENSP conference. The panel was invited to contribute to one of the sessions devoted to flavours in tobacco and nicotine products.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No additional points were raised.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members of the IAP

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