



## 52<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS

5 JULY 2023 (10:30-18:00)

VENUE: LUXEMBOURG, DRB A/043  
- MEETING MINUTES -

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all participants.

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of conflicts of interest were stated.

### 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<sup>1</sup>.

### 5. REGULATORY UPDATES

DG SANTE informed that the tenders' evaluation for the new framework contract on the operation of the Technical Group (TG) is being finalised and the contract is expected to be signed in the coming weeks. This should ensure continuity in the services of a technical group.

### 6. IAP OPINIONS

TG updated the panel on the purchase of additional samples of products from Request F with more recent manufacturing dates to ensure sufficiently fresh products for the rank rating test. In this respect, TG confirmed that consistent descriptive profiling results were obtained for these additional samples. It was decided to proceed with rank rating.

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<sup>1</sup> [Independent Advisory Panel on characterising flavours in tobacco products \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

TG presented the outcome of the descriptive profiling performed with the product under Request G. IAP discussed the results and decided to proceed with rank rating.

#### **7. METHODOLOGY FOR HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS ASSESSMENT**

The revised TG report, including suggestions for necessary amendments to the IAP methodology, was discussed in detail. On this basis TG would submit a revised draft with some additional clarifications, within one week, to allow for additional IAP feedback to be provided in writing. IAP further discussed next steps of the methodology revision to ensure its timely adoption, accentuating that the IAP opinions are ultimately based on the expert judgment of the appointed members.

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

TG will focus on the finalisation of the HTP methodology report in advance of the next IAP meeting (next version shall be provided by the TG at the latest by 21<sup>st</sup> of July). TG will assess the feasibility to set up the rank rating tests for requests F and G before the expiry of the current contract.

The following meetings are scheduled on the 31<sup>st</sup> July (virtual) and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September (format tbc).

#### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No additional points were raised.

#### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

##### **Members of the IAP**

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

**IAP Secretariat (DG SANTE B4)**

**DG JRC F4**

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