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Replacement of a member of the Independent Advisory Panel assisting Member States and the Commission in determining whether tobacco products have a characterising flavour

Commission Implementing Decision 2016/786 of 18 May 2016¹ lays down the procedure for the establishment and operation of an Independent Advisory Panel assisting Member States and the Commission in determining whether tobacco products have a characterising flavour.

In accordance with Article 4 of that Decision, the Independent Advisory Panel shall consist of six members who shall be appointed in a personal capacity and by the Director-General of the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety acting on behalf of the Commission. In accordance with Article 5(1) of the Decision, the members' term of office is five years and is renewable.

In accordance with Article 4(2) of the Decision, a public call for applications and a selection procedure were carried out, with the aim of achieving the most balanced representation of the relevant skills, expertise and experience in the fields of sensory, statistical and chemical analysis necessary for the Independent Advisory Panel to perform its functions. The selection process also aimed to ensure the independence and absence of conflict of interest of each candidate and strived for a balanced geographical origin and gender representation. Following the appointment of the members of the Independent Advisory Panel, its term of five years started with the first day of the first meeting held on 1 June 2017.

¹ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/786 of 18 May 2016 laying down the procedure for the establishment and operation of an independent advisory panel assisting Member States and the Commission in determining whether tobacco products have a characterising flavour, OJ L 131, 20.5.2016, p. 79.

Prof. Andrea Buettner had resigned from the Independent Advisory Panel in line with Article 5(3)(b) and Article 5(4) of the Decision following changes in her employment situation, as reported during the 5th meeting of the Independent Advisory Panel on 24 April 2018² and as communicated on 4 May 2018 by email to the Director-General of SANTE via the Secretariat of the Independent Advisory Panel.

Subsequently, a member of the reserve list, Dr Alberto Del Rio, has been identified as a suitable replacement and, as from the publication date of this note, is appointed as a member of the Independent Advisory Panel pursuant to Article 5(6) and in line with Article 4(3) of the Decision for the remainder of the term of the Independent Advisory Panel.

The revised list of members of the Independent Advisory Panel is presented in the Annex.



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² https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/tobacco/docs/ev_20180424_mi_en.pdf

Annex

Members of the Independent Advisory Panel assisting Member States and the Commission in determining whether tobacco products have a characterising flavour

1. DEL RIO Alberto
2. DIJKSTERHUIS Garnt Bernard
3. VAN AMSTERDAM Jan
4. VANZEVEREN Emmanuel Claude Albert
5. VISSER Wouter
6. ZERVAS Efthimios