



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR

1st meeting of the Working Group on Tobacco Additives

29 June 2009

Minutes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of the working group (WG) welcomed the participants and communicated the apologies received.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (ANNEX I)

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Several members of the WG declared an interest in view of their affiliations.

Taking into account the nature of the declarations, the members of the Working Group (WG) agreed that these did not constitute a conflict of interest.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, all declarations of interest will be published after the completion of the work and the publication of the opinion.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT OPINION

4.1. Terms of Reference (ToR)

The ToR were discussed by the WG. Members requested some clarification on the ToR that would be followed up by the Secretariat with the requesting service.

4.2. Documentation

The WG agreed to postpone the discussion on whether the documentation and data available was sufficient to produce the opinion. In particular, the need for a Call for information would be discussed at the next meeting.

4.3. External experts

The WG was established before the first meeting based on the expertise available in the SCENIHR, the Pool, and the Database of experts. The need for additional expertise was postponed to the next meeting. It was suggested to eventually add a person with a thorough knowledge of tobacco industry data.

4.4. Structure of the opinion

The WG decided on a provisional structure of the opinion.

4.5. Distribution of tasks

A preliminary distribution of tasks to current members of the WG was done.

4.6. Time schedule

Contributions would be sent to the Secretariat in due time for preparing a revised draft to be discussed at the next WG meeting.

The Secretariat informed members that a public consultation on the preliminary opinion would be carried out.

The WG decided on future meeting dates. These will be confirmed by the Secretariat via an official invitation in due time.

4.7. Practical issues

Relevant background material would be collected at a CIRCA-webpage to which members would have access.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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