



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR

2nd meeting of the Working Group on Tobacco Additives

11 September 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

The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

A new member of the WG declared an interest in view of his affiliation.

Taking into account the nature of the declaration, 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 participants discussed the ToR and the WG suggested several modifications to enhance clarity of the mandate and to focus the request on the key areas of interest. Therefore, it was proposed to delete question 9 and to add two questions addressing the methodology for assessing attractiveness (question 9 in new mandate) and on additives which may increase attractiveness (question 10 in new mandate). Also, a specific question on additives used to target specific groups was added to focus the question 10 in the old mandate (question 11 in new mandate). Furthermore, the SCENIHR would be requested to provide an assessment of the methodology they are asked to describe (see questions 2, 6 and 9 in new mandate).

The requesting service from DG Health and Consumers (SANCO) agreed with the proposal. The final mandate is available at the following webpage:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_risk/committees/04_scenih/ docs/scenih_r_q_020.pdf

4.2. Documentation / Call for information

A first screening of relevant publications and data sources had been made in preparation for this meeting. However, the WG agreed to postpone once more 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. Structure and content of the opinion

The Rapporteur reported back on contributions received from other WG members. The first draft and the structure of the opinion were discussed. The structure would be further modified to better correspond to the revised mandate.

The outcome of the discussion and comments on suggested revisions were retained in an updated Draft Version of the opinion. After a review by the Rapporteur, the draft opinion would be sent to the WG for further revision. An updated version of the draft would be circulated to the WG before the next meeting.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretariat informed the WG about an additional external expert who might join the group at the next meeting.

ANNEX I

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