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28TH MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)

7 JULY 2021 (09:30-17:00)

VENUE: TEAMS VIDEOCONFERENCE

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1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the members of the panel. There was one apology (J. van Amsterdam).

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no new interests declared.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted subject to minor editorial modifications. Subsequently it will be published on the website of the IAP.¹

5. UPDATE ON THE REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

The IAP was informed that another MS signalled an upcoming request for a panel opinion

6. DISCUSSION ON IAP OPINIONS

The IAP started drafting opinions on the first set of products from the request A, which had been already tested by the TG. Further practical aspects for forming opinions were discussed. The members agreed on the necessity to perform rank-rating of a subset of the products in question.

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

7. UPDATE FROM THE TECHNICAL GROUP OF SENSORY AND CHEMICAL ASSESSORS (TG)

The TG presented the results of the sensory testing of the first set of “request A” products. The dominant flavour characteristics, commonalities and links between the sensory description and chemical composition of the tested products were discussed. The TG confirmed that the rank-rating will take place later in July 2021.

The IAP informed the TG that products from another MS can be expected for testing (request B).

The TG in this respect also asked more information on the upcoming testing needs to allow for proper planning of the next round of the tests.

8. FUTURE WORK/NEXT STEPS

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the beginning of September 2021 or earlier, if considered necessary.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members of the IAP

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