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3RD MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL ON CHARACTERISING FLAVOURS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS (IAP)

Webinar / Audioconference

25 January 2018

MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the members of the panel. There were no apologies.

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 and would be published on the website of the IAP subsequent to the meeting.

5. PREPARATION OF EXCHANGE WITH THE TECHNICAL GROUP OF SENSORY AND CHEMICAL ASSESSORS

The Secretariat informed members about the results of the evaluation and selection process regarding the establishment of the Technical Group of Sensory and Chemical Assessors (TG) in line with Article 12 of Commission Implementing Decision 2016/786/EU. The Consortium EUREST-FLAVOURS, led by the University of Crete were selected for the Framework Contract establishing the TG. The contract was signed by the contractor and the Executive Agency (Chafea) on 24/01/2018. The kick-off meeting of the TG would be held on 21 February, back to back to the next meeting of the IAP on 22 February, allowing a joint meeting of both groups in the morning of 22 February.

It is foreseen that the TG will start working as soon as possible on the proposal regarding products to be considered for the reference group and on the identification, screening, selection and recruitment of potential sensory assessors. Further upcoming work will include the further specification of the methodology to support the decision whether a tobacco product has a characterising flavour. The TG would soon provide an outline of the suggested methodological approach. It is foreseen to establish the possibility for regular exchanges between the IAP and the TG.

6. METHODOLOGY FOR THE TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF TEST PRODUCTS

The IAP discussed the draft paper outlining methodological considerations for the technical assessment of test products, including in particular the establishment of the group of reference products and the decision criteria.

It was agreed to develop a list of subjects and questions that would be raised during the discussion with the TG. Members would send suggestions to the Secretariat.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In addition to the next meeting, additional tentative dates were scheduled. The possibility of a workshop was discussed.

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