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Introduction

E-liquid is a term describing liquid either prefilled in vaping products, or available in other forms so that consumers can fill the reservoirs or soak the wicking material of vaping products. E-liquids may or may not contain nicotine or nicotine salts. In either case, they generally contain glycerol and/or propylene glycol together with additional flavouring components. E-liquids are intended to be aerosolised for inhalation by the user.

This document establishes the general principles and requirements related to ingredients used in eliquids and e-liquid components to ensure an appropriate level of consumer safety.

The content is applicable to producers and distributors in Europe and forms a guide for regulators, enforcement authorities and commercial operators in the area. It is also applicable to consultancies, laboratories and testing houses engaged in, or planning to be engaged in, the safety evaluation of e-liquids and e-liquid components.

Not all elements of these recommendations will apply to every type of product, but the definitions may be used to identify recommendations for specific products within the product sector.

This document can provide state of the art guidance on ensuring the consumer safety of e-liquid ingredients. Note that as a matter of course, in cases where national regulations currently exist, said regulations take precedence over this document.

1 Scope

This document describes requirements related to ingredients used in e-liquids and e-liquid components. This document:

- specifies ingredient purity and related supply chain requirements;
- specifies ingredient exclusion criteria based on function and toxicological properties;
- specifies the need for a toxicological risk assessment and provides guidance on the content of this as well as specifying competency requirements for those responsible for it;
- specifies nicotine content versus label claim over shelf life and performance characteristics of the analytical method used to measure the nicotine;
- specifies pH limits for the e-liquid;
- provides guidance on the measuring of emissions;
- specifies certain ingredient-related product labelling;
- provides guidance on ingredients that should not be used in e-liquids;
- provides guidance on maximum levels in finished e-liquid for certain undesirable constituents that may occur in natural extracts used as flavourings.

This document does not apply to packaging, vaping devices or refill container materials/ingredients.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CEN/TR 17236, Electronic cigarettes and e-liquids - Constituents to be measured in the aerosol of vaping products

CEN/TS 17633¹, General principles and requirements for testing for quality and nicotine levels of electronic cigarette liquids

EN 17647, General principles for manufacturing, filling and holding e-liquids for prefilled containers or products

EN ISO 20714, E-liquid - Determination of nicotine, propylene glycol and glycerol in liquids used in electronic nicotine delivery devices - Gas chromatographic method (ISO 20714)

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