



IOFI Position Paper on the Use of Flavors in Vaping Applications

Vaping Devices, Electronic cigarettes/e-cigarettes (also known as Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) heat a solution that users inhale. Some of the ingredients in these solutions include materials used as flavorings in the food and beverage industry.

IOFI does not support the use of flavorings in vaping applications based solely on the fact that flavoring ingredients have been declared safe for their intended use in foods and beverages (hereafter referred to as "food" or "foods" unless otherwise specified) and have not been tested for safety in use for inhalation in ENDS or other vaping devices.

A variety of food safety assessment programs exist in various countries (e.g. European Union, USA, Japan, China, Indonesia) and geographic regions to evaluate the safety of flavorings for their use in food. All these programs evaluate flavorings only under conditions of intended use in human food, meaning they are evaluated only for safety upon ingestion.

The current safety assessment programs that demonstrate the safety of flavorings and regulatory authority for their use in food, cannot be extended to establish the safe use of flavorings in vaping applications.

The manufacturers and marketers of vaping products should not represent or suggest that the flavorings used in these products are safe because they have a FEMA GRAS, EFSA or JECFA status for use in food because such statements are false and misleading.