

TABLE 2. Flavouring Characteristics

		proFagus Smoke R714 (SF-001)	Smoke Concentrate 809045 (SF-003)	Scansmoke SEF7525 (SF-004)	SmokEz C-10 (SF-005)	SmokEz Enviro-23 (SF-006)	proFagus Smoke R709 (SF-008)	Fumokomp (SF-009)
References		https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8363	https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8365	https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8363	https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8367	https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8368	https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8369	https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2023.8370
Source Material		<p>The source materials used for manufacturing the Primary Product proFagus Smoke R714 (SF-001) are beech(<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> > 90%) and oak (<i>Quercus robur</i> < 10%); other wood species might be present at levels < 1%. The wood used is obtained in equal parts from industrial dried cuts (approximately 33.3%), industrial fresh cuts (approximately 33.3%) and untreated remaining material (slabs) from the wood industry (approximately 33.3%). Upon its arrival at the manufacturing site, the wood is inspected for the absence of impurities.</p>	<p>The source material of Smoke Concentrate 809045 (SF-003) is only beech wood (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> L.). According to the applicant, the wood is obtained from untreated natural hardwood and is free from pesticides (Documentation provided to EFSA No. 1).</p>	<p>The source material of Scansmoke SEF7525 (SF-004) is a tar obtained by the applicant from an external supplier as by-product of the production of liquid smoke. According to a statement of the supplier, the tar is produced from a mixture of 30–40% red oak (<i>Quercus rubra</i>), 30–40% white oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>), 5–15% maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i>), 5–15% beech (<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>) and 5–15% hickory (<i>Carya ovata</i>) (Documentation provided to EFSA No. 1 and 2). The hardwoods are blended as sawdust, which is then dried and heated to generate smoke</p>	<p>The source material of SmokEz C-10 is hardwood sawdust from hard maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i>) (25–60%), white oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>) (10–40%), hickory (<i>Carya ovata</i>) (10–25%) and low quantities of other wood species: white/black ash (<i>Fraxinus americana</i>) (0–15%), birch (<i>Betula papyrifera</i> and <i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>) (0–15%), beech (<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>) (0–15%) and cherry (<i>Prunus serotina</i>) (0–15%) (Documentation provided to EFSA No. 1). According to the applicant, the wood is not subjected to any chemical treatment, including treatment with pesticides.</p>	<p>The source material of SmokEz Enviro-23 is hardwood sawdust from white oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>) (20–75%), hard maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i>) (25–65%) and low quantities of other wood species including hickory (<i>Carya ovata</i>) (0–15%), white/black ash (<i>Fraxinus americana</i>) (0–15%), birch (<i>Betula papyrifera</i> and <i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>) (0–15%), beech (<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>) (0–15%) and cherry (<i>Prunus serotina</i>) (0–15%). According to the applicant, the wood is not subjected to any chemical treatment, including treatment with pesticides</p>	<p>The source materials of proFagus Smoke R709 (SF-008) are beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> > 90%) and oak (<i>Quercus robur</i> < 10%); other wood species might be present at levels < 1%. The wood used for manufacturing the Primary Product is obtained in equal parts from industrial dried cuts (approximately 33.3%), industrial fresh cuts (approximately 33.3%) and untreated remaining material (slabs) from the wood industry (approximately 33.3%).</p>	<p>The source material of Fumokomp Conc 8SF -009. is hardwood from beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> L.) (85–100%) and hornbeam (<i>Carpinus betulus</i> L.) (0–15%). According to the applicant, the trees from which the wood is used for manufacturing the Primary Product ‘do not receive any chemical treatment in the period of 1 year before felling, or after’</p>
Method of manufacture of the Primary Product		<p>In the manufacturing process, the wood pieces are dried and then subjected to pyrolysis resulting in a water insoluble tar-phase and a smoke condensate. The smoke condensate is subjected to distillation and extraction, resulting in an aqueous smoke fraction. In a second phase, these intermediates are further processed to obtain the two building blocks of the Primary Product.</p>	<p>The production of the Primary Product comprises the following steps: 1) Smoke generation: The dried wood chips are smouldered in a smoke generator under defined conditions. 2) Condensation and absorption of smoke: The smoke is passed through a condenser and subsequently absorbed in a water/ethanol mixture, and the formed wood tar is then discarded. 3) Further processing: The liquid smoke is treated with activated charcoal to reduce the level of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The charcoal is then removed by filtration, and the Primary Product is obtained after removing the residual solvents by distillation. The applicant submitted a description of the manufacturing process, with information on the drying step and the pyrolysis conditions.</p>	<p>The Primary Product is obtained by (i) extracting the tar raw material with diethyl ether, (ii) subjecting the extracts to purification steps and (iii) combining the obtained fractions (SEF1 and SEF2) at a defined ratio. In the first step, the extraction of an aqueous suspension of the tar is performed under alkaline conditions (pH-adjustment by addition of sodium hydroxide). The organic phase is subjected to evaporation to remove solvent and water and subsequently to vacuum distillation. After re-dilution with diethyl ether, the obtained distillate is treated with active carbon to remove polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and SEF1 is obtained after evaporation of the solvent and a final filtration (1 mm).</p>	<p>The Primary Product is obtained after separation from the sedimented tar and subjecting the aqueous phase to a filtration step (1 µm). The applicant submitted a description of the manufacturing process, including information on the drying step of the sawdust and the pyrolysis conditions.</p>	<p>Dried wood sawdust is pyrolysed in a reactor; the formed smoke vapour is condensed, and the condensate is transferred into a storage tank. Then, water is added, resulting in an aqueous mixture with less than 40% of organics, and the formation of three distinct phases. The lower, tarry phase and the upper oily phase are discarded, and the remaining aqueous phase is filtered (1 µm). At another production site, this aqueous phase is further processed by another addition of water until the content of organics is less than 25%. The resulting water-insoluble tarry phase is discarded.</p>	<p>As described by the applicant (Documentation provided to EFSA No. 1), the manufacturing process comprises pyrolysis of the dried wood pieces and condensation of the generated wood gas. The obtained smoke condensate is further concentrated by evaporation; after adjustment of the total acid content, the remaining ‘pyroligneous acid’ forms the smoke flavouring</p>	<p>The dried wood is pyrolysed in a continuously operated Lambiotte retort with automated gas-purging. The wood tar obtained by sedimentation is subsequently subjected to a series of fractional vacuum distillations. The Primary Product is obtained by combining appropriate distillates on the basis of the intended sensory properties of the final product.</p>

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Description of the physical state and sensory characteristics		<p>The applicant described the smoke flavouring Primary Product as a ‘viscous liquid of brown colourwith a characteristic odour of freshly generated smoke’. The Primary Product has a staining index (at440 nm) ranging from 105 to 125. The applicant indicated that the Primary Product has a refraction index (at20°C) ranging from 1.388 to 1.396, a viscosity (at 25°C) ranging from 9 to 10 cP, a pH ranging from2.2 to 2.4, and an average density of approximately 1,110 g/L). The applicant described the Primary Product as ‘Immiscible with water. Fully miscible withpolar solvents such as ethanol, acetone or isopropanol. Immiscible with non-polar solvents such astoluene or benzene’</p>	<p>The Primary Product is a brown viscous liquid with a characteristic odour of freshly generatedsmoke and has an average density (at 4 °C) of 1,275 g/L (n = 12). The pH ranges from 2.8 to 3.0,the refraction index ranges from 1.51 to 1.52, the coefficient of extinction (at 400 nm) ranges from1.9 to 2.4 and the flash point is > 100 °C</p>	<p>The applicant described the smoke flavouring Primary Product as a ‘viscous liquid of dark browncolour with a characteristic strong odour of smoke’. The PrimaryProduct has an average density (at 20°C) of 1.1475 g/mL, refractive index (at 20°C) ranging from 1.50 to1.70 and a viscosity (at 25°C) ranging from 2,214 to 2,349 mPa s</p>	<p>The applicant described the smoke flavouring Primary Product as ‘an aqueous amber brown liquidwith characteristics of smoke aroma and flavour’ (Documentation provided to EFSA No. 1). ThePrimary Product has a pH ranging from 2.15 to 2.6, a viscosity (at 25°C) ranging from 2 to 3 cP, arefraction index ranging from 23 to 27 °BRIX and a density (at 20°C) of approximately 1,050 g/L. Theapplicant described the Primary Product as ‘soluble in alcohol-based solvents and immiscible in oil-based solvents’</p>		<p>The applicant described the Primary Product as ‘Miscible in alcohol-based solvents and immiscible inoil-based solvents’ .</p>	<p>The applicant described the smoke flavouring Primary Product as a ‘viscous liquid of brown colourwith a characteristic odour of smoke’. The Primary Producthas an average density of approximately 1,020 g/L, a refraction index (at 20 °C) ranging from 1.340 to1.355, a pH ranging from 2.0 to 2.5, a staining index (at 440 nm) ranging from 11 to 17 and aviscosity (at 20 °C) of 6 cP (n = 5)</p>	<p>The Primary Product is a viscous, oily, pale/intensive reddish-yellowish-brownish liquid, not misciblewith water, and is described to have an odour of leafy woods. The Primary Product has an averagedensity of 1100 g/L, a pH value ranging from 2 to 6, a refraction index (at 20°C) ranging from 1.485to 1.550, and a viscosity (at 40°C) ranging from 7.06 to 12.6 centistokes (cSt)</p>				
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