**Open Peer Review on Qeios** 

## IQOS

Addiction Ontology

Source Addiction Ontology

**Definition:** A heated tobacco-containing product that involves heating a heated tobacco stick to up to 350 degrees centigrade using power from a battery. It is marketed by Philip Morris under the brand name iQOS.

**Comment:** iQOS provide a vapour that contains nicotine for ingestion by the user through inhalation of vapour.

**Curator note:** iQOS is marketed as a product that has substantially lower harmfulness than cigarettes. This is a matter for empirical evidence and therefore not included in the definition, which aims solely to unambiguously identify the entity.

This definition was imported from the Addiction Ontology (see <u>https://addictovocab.org/</u>). Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcome using the Qeios review system.

Definitions imported from the Addiction Ontology (AddictO) are what are known as 'ontological definitions'. See this article in Qeios for an explanation <u>https://www.qeios.com/read/YGIF9B</u>.

Ontological definitions can sometimes be hard to read. In those cases we also include an informal definition.

Definitions also often require elaboration to make it clear how they should be used and what they include. In those cases we include a comment.

Also, definitions sometimes require an explanation as to how they came about to help users understand how they relate to alternative definitions. In those cases we include a curator note.