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Onderwerp: Saliva sample for RAT

Dear members of the Health Security Committee,

Dear colleagues,

Portugal has enquired what Member States' position is regarding the use of saliva as sample material for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 by using rapid antigen tests. In particular, the question was raised as some countries have started using this approach as a strategy for mass testing.

Could countries please inform the HSC Secretariat by **Tuesday 23 Feb, COB**, what their position is on this? The topic will be further discussed at the next HSC meeting.

Kind regards,

**HSC Secretariat**