

MINOR CROPS STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP 10TH TO 11TH OF APRIL 2018 ARC VOPI

RECOMMENDATIONS

Point Raised	Recommendations/suggestions
Crop Grouping	<p>DoH and DAFF should consider setting up a Working Group with all relevant stakeholders in order to advise/revise or update the MRL regulation by expanding the current definitions of various crops using the latest Codex documents.</p> <p>For the latest Codex crop group this link: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/commodities/en/</p> <p>NB: Please send your name if you want to be considered to be part of the working group.</p>
DOH – National Institute Of Occupational Health (NIOH)	<p>NIOH to be approached to initiated a study to investigate a Total Diet Study (PHD) and to advise on the IESTI formula currently under discussion at the CCPR. The NIOH is currently working on the budget to accomplish the task that will be shared with stakeholders in order to raise financial resources required to realize the objectives set.</p>
Critical gaps identified by grower groups	<p>The grower groups should engage with registration holders while keeping the office of the registrar informed. Critical gap(s) refers to a situation where there are no registered product(s) to control pests/weeds/diseases or the GAP approved is resulting in a situation that controls the targeted pests/weeds/diseases.</p>
Research concerning agricultural remedies destined for minor crops/use registration purposes	<p>No product(s) should be used by the growers groups for research purposes if intended for registration purposes without consent from the relevant registration holder(s)</p>
Mushroom grower's list	<p>The meeting with the office of the registrar should occur as soon as possible. This has already happened and the revised priority list is published on the DAFF minor crops website</p>
Protea Industry Research data	<p>The registration holders whose products were used should consider applying for registrations as soon as they are ready to do so.</p>
Dates Industry	<p>The meeting with all stakeholders needs to happen in Upington and the Namibian Registrar should be invited to attend such a meeting.</p>
Edible Flowers	<p>A working group consisting of growers, retailers and other interested parties needs to be established. The Terms of Reference (TOR) will also have to be developed with the aim of developing a global standard for the sector. Collaboration with the EU minor use/crop coordinator may be required.</p> <p>NB: Please send your name if you want to be considered to be part of the working group.</p>
Fynbos biome	<p>There is a need for SA to consider crafting the Codex standard to</p>

	be adopted as an international standard with the aim of protecting the local industry.
It was noted that there is no vegetable, tomatoes and other minor crops grower associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For vegetables, the current seed treatment working group TOR may need to be changed when the working group is done with the task of revising the seed treatment guidelines. The new mandate would be to look at the classification of vegetable crops as well as other nonedible crops - Z22 should consider helping in organizing tomato growers. Note that this is a major crop. - DAFF together with other role players should consider creating a contact list of other minor crops grower groups that did not take part in this workshop. <p>NB: Please send us contact details of minor crops stakeholders who were not represented on the workshop.</p>
SUPTROP	DAFF to make a decision in the future if all crops falling under the SUPTROP portfolio should be considered as minor crops
Tree Nuts	DAFF to make a decision in the future if all crops falling under the TREE NUT grouping should be considered as minor crops based on the information shared at the meeting.
DAFF Directorates Functions and other sister departments	A better system of coordination is needed with DAFF and other relevant sister departments so that cross cutting regulatory issues could be handled efficiently.
Minor crops guidelines and definitions	<p>The current 2010 guidelines needs revision or an update concerning regulatory incentives that may be further adopted as suggested at the Montreal Global Minor Use Summit 3.</p> <p>A working group is needed to work on the task.</p> <p>NB: Please send your name if you want to be considered to be part of the working group.</p>
Emergency Registration Protocol	<p>The draft protocol has been developed by both Croplife and DAFF and still undergoing the consultation phase.</p> <p>The latest document will be circulated.</p>
Future meetings	It was recommended that the national minor crops meeting should happen annually and DAFF should be responsible for the organizing such a meeting.