

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON
17 MAY 2011, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA**

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)
Mr B Durham
Ms W P Mandivenyi
Dr G Bouwer

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997

APOLOGIES

Ms J Mhlophe
Ms E Koekemoer
Mr A Pretorius

Department of Labour (DoL)
Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)
Department of Health (DoH)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms N L Mkhonza
Ms E Jantjies
Ms I Muedi
Mr S Mokhothu
Ms R Chanda
Ms L Segooa
Mr T Tshimomola
Ms G Komane

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Department of Health (DoH)
Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	The Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting.	EC Chairperson
2.	ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES	The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature.	EC Chairperson
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE	The agenda was adopted with no additions:	

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	AGENDA		
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 15 March 2011	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 15 March 2011 was amended and approved.	
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Feedback on appeals lodged under the GMO Act (DAFF)	(i) The EC members were informed that in terms of the GMO potato appeal, a response on the status of the appeal is still pending.	DAFF
5.2	Commodities (Registrar) (a) SABS standard	(i) The EC noted that the feedback regarding the SABS standards was circulated amongst members. The EC recommended that the standards be referred to within the legislation and the permit.	DAFF
	(b) Asynchronous approvals	(i) There was no discussion	OoR

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	(c) Permit conditions	(i) The EC noted that the OoR received the inputs from DST and the dti. The final draft document will be incorporated and circulated amongst members.	OoR
	(d) Responses from applicants regarding why GM events contained in commodity applications are not being considered for general release in SA.	(i) The EC noted that the responses from applicants regarding why GM events contained in commodity applications are not being considered for general release in SA, were circulated amongst members.	DAFF
5.3	GM threshold vs. adventitious presence (DAFF)	(i) The EC noted the meeting that was held on the 20 April 2011 with regards to the drafting of a risk matrix. The risk matrix has been developed further and was circulated amongst members. Another meeting regarding GM threshold and adventitious presence will be scheduled between DAFF, DEA and DoH. (ii) The EC were informed that the matrix and further research is ongoing and DAFF will circulate the draft document amongst members.	DAFF
5.4	MON810 insect resistance in SA (DEA)	(i) The EC noted that DEA will convene a meeting between the AC Chair and SANBI to consolidate data into one recommendation. (ii) The EC noted that DEA is still awaiting feedback on legal opinion from external legal counsel with regard to the research agreement.	DEA, AC Chair
5.5	Dual permits: Monsanto and Dow Agro sciences combined application (DAFF)	(i) The EC noted that OoR received legal opinion. The legal opinion states that one original permit with both companies' names is required and the companies can decide on who keeps the original.	OoR

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5.6	Departmental representation(DAFF)	(i) The EC noted that the legal opinion regarding Departmental representation will be circulated amongst members and it should also be assessed by the internal legal advisers.	OoR
5.7	Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee (DAFF)	(i) The EC noted that specific comments regarding the actual terms of reference will be circulated amongst members with the legal opinion.	OoR
6.	Applications to be considered by EC (Registrar) Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports		
6.1	Request from SASRI to extend a field trial permit for GM sugarcane	(i) The EC approved SASRI's request for another two years subject to submission of annual report.	EC
	New Applications	(i) None	
6.2	Extension of trial release (and import and/or export) Bayer-11/032 :Extension for Cotton (GlytolxLLCotton25)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Bayer-11/032: Extension permit for Cotton (GlytolxLLCotton25) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.3	Bayer-11/033 :Extension	(i) The EC approved the extension of Bayer-11/033: Extension permit for Cotton	EC

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	permit for Cotton (TwinlinkxGlytd)	(TwinlinkxGlytd) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant	
6.4	Bayer-11/034 :Extension permit for Cotton (BollgardIIXLLCotton25)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Bayer-11/034: Extension permit for Cotton (BollgardIIXLLCotton25) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.5	Bayer-11/035 :Extension permit for Cotton (BollgardIIXGlytoIXLLCotton25)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Bayer-11/035: Extension permit for Cotton (BollgardIIXGlytoIXLLCotton25) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.6	Pioneer-11/514:Extension for maize (TC1507)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Pioneer-11/514: Extension permit for maize (TC1507) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.7	Pioneer-11/515:Extension for maize	(i) The EC approved the extension of Pioneer-11/515:Extension permit for maize (TC1507 x MON810) subject to submission of annual report by the	EC

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	(TC1507 xMON810)	applicant	
6.8	Pioneer-11/516:Extension for maize (TC1507 xMON810xNK603)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Pioneer-11/515: Extension permit for maize (TC1507 x MON810xNK603) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.9	Pioneer-11/521:Extension for maize (59122)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Pioneer-11/515: Extension permit for maize (59122) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.10	Pioneer-11/522:Extension for maize (DP-32138-1)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Pioneer-11/522: Extension permit for maize (DP-32138-1) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.11	Pioneer-11/523:Extension for maize (PHP36826)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Pioneer-11/523: Extension permit for maize (PHP36826) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.12	Pioneer-11/524:Extension for maize (PHP36827)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Pioneer-11/524: Extension permit for maize (PHP36827) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.13	Pioneer-11/525:Extension for maize (37046)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Pioneer -11/525: Extension permit for maize (PHP37046) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
6.14	Pioneer-11/526:Extension for maize (PHP37047)	(i) The EC approved the extension of Pioneer-11/526: Extension permit for maize (PHP37047) subject to submission of annual report by the applicant.	EC
	Contained use (including import and /or export)	(i) None	

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	Trial release (including import and / or export)		
	General Release	(i) None	OoR
	Commodity clearance	(i) None	OoR
7.	General Standing Matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy development	(i) The EC were informed about the industry meeting that the DST had attended regarding Consumer Protection Act Regulations.. (ii) The EC noted that they will monitor progress on the development. (iii) The EC were informed that DST is working on the bio-economy strategy under the bio- technology strategy published in 2001. (iv) The EC noted that the intension of the bioeconomy strategy is to strengthen South Africa's ability to explore biotechnology and biodiversity to make products and that the biotechnology component is directly linked to some extend to GMOs.	EC
7.2	COP-MOP5	(i) The EC indicated that the supplementary protocol will be discussed at a separate meeting with the DEA official and will include participation by the dti	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance (OoR) OTHER	(i) None	DAFF
7.4	Monsanto's response on the reasons for the unavailability	(i) The EC noted that the Monsanto's response was circulated.	OoR

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7.6	of the isogenic counterparts for general release permits of Maize events MON89034 and MON89034xNK603(DAFF) Visit by Kenyan delegation	(i) The EC were informed about the visit by the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, livestock and cooperatives from 29 May until 03 June 2011. (ii) The committee will focus on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Control of Genetically modified Maize in South Africa ➢ Meeting with the dti to discuss trade on maize ➢ Meeting with port authority officials where maize is exported to Kenya (iii) The EC members were requested to take part in the discussion if available.	DAFF
8.	Date of the next meeting	(i) The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 19 July 2011.	All
9.	Closure	(i) The meeting was concluded at 13:10	

Approved by Chairperson

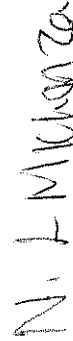
Dr. J. Jafftha



Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza



Signature