

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 04  
MAY 2021, MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**PRESENT**

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)  
 Mr B Durham  
 Ms N Tshidada  
 Prof. G Bouwer  
 Dr N Netnou-Nkoana  
 Ms J Mhlophe  
 Dr M Matlala  
 Ms P Campbell  
 Dr A Sigobodhla

Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)  
 Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)  
 Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)  
 Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997  
 Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)  
 Department of Employment and Labour (DEL)  
 Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)  
 Department of Health (DoH)  
 Department of Health (DoH)

**APOLOGIES**

Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu  
 Ms T Ndukwana  
 Ms T Masilela

Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)  
 Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic)  
 Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms A Madzvhandila  
 Ms A Hlungwani  
 Ms Z Mboweni  
 Ms R Ngoepe  
 Mr S Mokhothu  
 Ms B Mahlangu  
 Ms N.L. Mkhonza

Department of Health (DoH)  
 Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)  
 Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)  
 Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)  
 Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)  
 Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)  
 Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)

<b>NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>FOR ATTENTION</b>
1.	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b>	The Deputy Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting and indicated that the Chairperson will join the meeting at a later stage.	EC Deputy Chairperson
2.	<b>ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES</b>	The OoR noted the attendance since this was a virtual meeting.	EC Deputy Chairperson
3.	<b>ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>	The agenda was adopted with no additions.	All
4.	<b>APPROVAL OF THE</b>	The record of proceedings of 02 March 2021 was approved with no	All

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 04 MAY 2021, MICROSOFT TEAMS**

	RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 02 MARCH 2021	OF 02 MARCH 2021	amendments.
5.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS</b>		
5.1	Draft concept note: Insect Resistance Management (OoR)	(i) The EC Chairperson reminded the EC that at the March 2021 meeting, the AC Chairperson provided an overview of the IRM concept note and there were key issues raised by the EC. The EC was also requested to provide comments on the IRM concept note by 10 March 2021 for consolidation by the OoR. (ii) The OoR informed the EC that no comments were provided by the EC. (iii) The EC deliberated and concluded that the matter remains outstanding because further deliberations are required by the EC to determine what it is that they require in the IRM strategy.	EC
5.2	AC NBT workshop report (AC Chairperson)	(i) The EC Chairperson reminded the EC that at the March 2021 the AC Chairperson informed the EC that the AC had concluded the NBT work at a third workshop held in February 2021 and gave an overview on the approach followed by the AC. (ii) The EC Chairperson informed the EC that the AC Chairperson has subsequently drafted a NBT workshop report for EC's consideration and the report was circulated to EC. (iii) The EC deliberated and concluded that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EC Chairperson and the DSI will draft a joint briefing for the Minister. The briefing will include the process followed by the EC thus far including recommendations by the AC based on the AC workshop report. Minister will also be requested to guide on whether there's a need for consultation.</li> <li>• The EC will provide inputs on DSI's alternative proposal by 07 May 2021. The OoR will circulate DSI's document to the EC.</li> </ul>	EC
5.3	Socio-economic report (DSI) workshop	The meeting had to be adjourned earlier due to evacuation of the DALRRD officials following a reported COVID 19 case. Consequently, this agenda item will be addressed offline/next EC meeting.	All

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 04  
MAY 2021, MICROSOFT TEAMS**

6.	Compliance/Non-compliance	<p>a. <u>Inspections</u> The OoR informed the EC that 02 post-plant and 21 pre-flowering inspections were conducted in April 2021. A summary of the annual report assessment was circulated to EC.</p> <p>b. <u>Annual Reports</u> The OoR informed the EC that one annual report for a trial release was received from Triclinium; the report is still under review.</p> <p>c. <u>Triclinium 21/114: 2x import and 1 x trial release of Ad26.COV2.S Covid Vaccine</u></p> <p>(i) The OoR informed the EC that at the March 2021 meeting, the EC approved Triclinium's import and trial release for GM vaccine Ad26.COV.S subject to SAHPRA's approval.</p> <p>(ii) The OoR informed the EC that Triclinium has submitted another trial release application for the same GM vaccine but the target group is different (children from birth to 17 years). The review chairperson reviewed the current application and a positive recommendation was received.</p> <p>(iii) The EC approved the issuance of a permit by the OoR subject to SAHPRA's approval.</p>	OoR
7.	<p><b>APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)</b></p> <p>Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports</p>	None	Registrar
7.1	<p>Bayer-21/160: Import and trial release extension for MON87427 maize</p> <p><b>New applications</b></p>	The EC approved the Bayer-21/160: Import and trial release extension application for MON87427 maize subject to submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 04  
MAY 2021, MICROSOFT TEAMS**

7.2	<b>General release</b> Deltamune-20/004: General release for Herbivac RVF DD vaccine	The EC's decision on Deltamune-20/004: General release application for Herbivac RVF DD vaccine is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
7.3	Syngenta-20/172: General release for Bt11xMIR162xGA21 maize <b>Trial release and import and /or export</b>	The EC's decision on Syngenta-20/172: General release application for Bt11xMIR162xGA21 maize is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
7.4	Syngenta-20/173: Trial release for MIR162 maize	The EC approved the Syngenta-20/173: Trial release application for MIR162 maize subject to submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
7.5	Syngenta-20/174: Trial release for Bt11xMIR162xGA21maize	The EC approved the Syngenta-20/174: Trial release application for Bt11xMIR162xGA21maize subject to submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
7.6	Syngenta-20/175: Trial release for Bt11xMIR162xMON89034xGA21 maize	The EC approved the Syngenta-20/175: Trial release application for Bt11xMIR162xMON89034xGA21 maize subject to submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC R
	<b>Commodity clearance</b>	None	
	<b>Contained use and import and/or export</b>	None	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Applications considered by EC in April 2021 (intersessional)</b> <b>Trial release and import and/or export</b>		
8.1	Bayer -20/118: Import and trial release for maize MON87427 x MON89034 x MIR162	The EC's decision on Bayer-20/118: Import and trial release application for maize MON87427 x MON89034 x MIR162 is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 04  
MAY 2021, MICROSOFT TEAMS**

	(applicant's responses to EC's questions)		
8.2	Pioneer-20/1370: Import and trial release for maize MON89034xDAS-40278-9 (applicant's responses to EC's questions)	The EC's decision on Pioneer-20/1370: Import and trial release application for maize MON89034xDAS-40278-9 is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
8.3	Pioneer-20/1371: Import and trial release for maize TC1507xNK603 (applicant's responses to EC's questions) <b>General release</b>	The EC's decision on Pioneer-20/1371: Import and trial release application for maize TC1507xNK603 is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
8.4	Intervet-20/004: General release for Innovax ND-ILT vaccine (applicant's responses to EC's questions)	The EC approved the Intervet-20/004: General release application for Innovax ND-ILT vaccine subject to Act 36 approval.	EC
8.5	Syngenta-20/171: General release for Bt11xMIR162xMON89034xG A21 maize (applicant's responses to EC's questions)	The EC's decision on Syngenta-20/171: General release application for Bt11xMIR162xMON89034xGA21 maize is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
8.6	Bayer-20/127: General release for MON87701 x MON89788 soybean (applicant's responses to EC's questions)	The EC's decision on Bayer-20/127: General release application for MON87701 x MON89788 soybean is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
9	<b>Standing matters</b>		


**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 04  
MAY 2021, MICROSOFT TEAMS**

9.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	None	
9.2	Cartagena Protocol (All)	None	
10.	General		
10.1	CropLife SA proposal for engagement with the EC	The meeting had to be adjourned earlier due to evacuation of the DALRRD officials following a reported COVID 19 case. Consequently, this agenda item will be addressed offline/next EC meeting.	All
11.	Date of the next meeting	The EC noted that the date of the next EC meeting is scheduled for 06 July 2021. The EC meeting is likely to be a virtual meeting via MS teams.	All
12.	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 13:00.	All

Approved by Chairperson  
Dr J Jaffha

.....  
Signature 

Approved by Registrar  
Ms NL Mkhonza

  
.....  
Signature