

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 10
MAY 2022, MICROSOFT TEAMS**

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)
 Ms N Tshidada
 Prof. G Bouwer
 Ms T Masilela
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 Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
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 Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
 Department of Health (DoH)
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 Department of Employment and Labour (DEL)

APOLOGIES

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 Ms T Ndukwana
 Dr N Netnou-Nkoana

Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
 Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic)
 Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms A Madzivhandila
 Ms T Mogapi
 Ms A Hlungwani
 Dr T Makholela
 Ms F Mpikani
 Dr B Nishabele
 Mr S Mokhothu
 Ms B Mahlangu
 Ms N.L. Mkhonza

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NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	The EC Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting.	EC Chairperson
2.	ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES	The OoR noted the attendance since this was a virtual meeting.	EC Chairperson
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with additions.	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 01 MARCH 2022	The record of proceedings of 01 March 2022 was approved with amendments.	All

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5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Declaration of conflict of interest: Minister's decision (EC Chairperson)	<p>(i) The EC Chairperson reminded the EC that at the March 2022 meeting, the EC concluded that they would await Minister's guidance regarding a concern on conflict of interest raised by a member of the DSI and this might assist in addressing the need for a declaration of conflict by EC members.</p> <p>(ii) The EC Chairperson informed the EC that Minister's guidance regarding a concern on conflict of interest is still outstanding.</p>	EC Chairperson
5.2	Reappointment of AC member (EC Chairperson)	<p>(i) The EC Chairperson reminded the EC that at the March 2022 meeting, the EC deliberated on the reappointment of an AC member as well as the appointment term of AC members. The EC had concluded that they will make a final recommendation regarding the reappointment of the one AC member at the May 2022 EC meeting.</p> <p>(ii) The EC deliberated and concluded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The one AC member is recommended for reappointment to the AC. • The Minister will designate an AC Chairperson amongst the members of the AC. 	EC Chairperson
5.3	Final Explanatory note for applications relating to approved trial releases (OoR)	<p>(i) The OoR reminded the EC that at the March 2022 EC meeting, the EC requested additional time to consider the explanatory note.</p> <p>(ii) The OoR informed the EC that they have received and incorporated EC's comments in the final explanatory note for EC's approval.</p> <p>(iii) The EC deliberated and approved the explanatory note with amendments.</p>	OoR
6.	Compliance/Non-compliance	<p>a. <u>Inspections</u> The OoR informed the EC that no inspections were conducted in April 2022.</p> <p>b. <u>Annual Reports</u> The OoR also informed the EC that three annual reports for general</p>	OoR

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	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)	release were received and assessed.	OoR Registrar
7.	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports		
7.1	Aspen – 22/022: Contained use extension for Ad26.COVS vaccine	The EC's decision for Aspen - 22/022: Contained use extension for Ad26.COVS vaccine is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
	New applications		
	General release		
7.2	Syngenta- 21/200: General release of MIR162 maize	The EC's decision for Syngenta - 21/200: General release of MIR162 maize is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
	Trial release and import and /or export	None	
	General release		
	Commodity clearance	None	
8	Application considered by EC in March/ April 2022 (intersessional)		
8.1	Trigall Genetics S.A – 21/001: Commodity clearance of HB4 wheat (IND-ØØ412-7)	The EC's decision for Trigall Genetics S.A – 21/001: Commodity clearance of HB4 wheat (IND-ØØ412-7) is pending further assessment.	EC
8.2	Bioceres Crop Solutions - 21/001: Commodity clearance of HB4 soybean (IND-ØØ41Ø5)	The EC's decision is pending final assessment of additional information.	EC
8.3	Syngenta – 21/180: Commodity	The EC approved the Syngenta – 21/180: Commodity clearance application for 3272 x Bt11 x MIR162 x MIR604 x TC1507 x 5307 x GA21	EC


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	clearance of 3272 x Bt11 x MIR162 x MIR604 x TC1507 x 5307 x GA21 maize	maize.	
9	Standing matters		
9.1	Regulatory and developments (All)	policy	All
9.2	Cartagena Protocol (All)	(i) The DFFE gave a presentation on the update on biosafety activities under the meeting of the CBD (SBSTTAA-24, SBI-3 and OEWG-3) and preparations for OWEG-4. (ii) The EC noted the presentation and requested DFFE to share the presentation with the EC.	DFFE EC
10.	General		
10.1	Appointment of DFFE main EC member	The EC Chairperson informed the EC that the Ministerial submission for the appointment of Dr T Makholela as the main member of the Executive Council, representing the DFFE is still outstanding.	EC Chairperson/OoR
10.2	Appeals lodged in terms of the GMO Act	The DSI requested an update regarding the appeal lodged by Agbiz against EC's decision regarding SA's regulatory approach for NBT's. In response, the EC Chairperson indicated that the appeal process is managed by the office of the Minister and will follow up with the office of Minister in this regard.	DSI
11.	Date of the next meeting	The EC noted that the date of the next EC meeting is scheduled for 05 July 2022.	All
12.	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 11:20am.	All

Approved by Chairperson
Dr J Jaffha

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Signature

Approved by Registrar
Ms NL Mkhonza


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