

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 30 AUGUST 2022,

MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT

Dr. J. Jaffha (Chairperson)
 Dr B Nishabele
 Ms T Ndukwana
 Ms T Masilela
 Ms P Campbell
 Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu
 Ms J Mhlophe
 Ms N Tshidada
 Dr T Makholela

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 Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
 Department of Health (DoH)
 Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)
 Department of Employment and Labour (DEL)
 Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
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APOLOGIES

Dr M Matlala
 Mr B Durham
 Dr A Sigobodhia

Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
 Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)
 Department of Health (DoH)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms A Madzivhandila
 Ms T Mogapi
 Ms A Hilungwani
 Ms F Mpikani
 Ms Z Mboweni
 Ms M Photolo
 Mr S Mokhothu
 Ms B Mahlangu
 Ms N.L. Mkhonza

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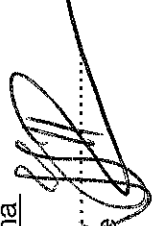
NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	The EC Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting.	EC Chairperson
2.	ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES	The OoR noted the attendance since this was a virtual meeting.	EC Chairperson
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with additions.	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 05 JULY 2022	The record of proceedings of 05 July 2022 was approved.	All

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5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS	
5.1	Reappointment of AC member (OoR)	<p>(i) The OoR reminded the EC that section 10(6) of the GMO Act makes provision for the reappointment of AC members. The OoR informed the EC that one AC member's tenure expired in June 2022 and the member has confirmed their availability for reappointment.</p> <p>(ii) The EC deliberated on the performance of the one AC member and supported their reappointment to the AC. The OoR will draft a submission for reappointment of the AC member.</p>
5.2	Appeal lodged in terms of the GMO Act (EC Chairperson)	The EC noted that the Minister has appointed the appeal board for the appeal lodged by AGBIZ.
6.	Compliance/Non-compliance	<p>a. <u>Inspections</u> The OoR informed the EC that no inspections were conducted in August 2022.</p> <p>b. <u>Annual Reports</u> The OoR reminded the EC that nine annual reports (six for general release and three for trial release) received are still in the process of being assessed.</p>
7.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)	Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	
7.1	Bioceres - 22/002: Trial release extension for HB4 (IND-ØØ41Ø-5) soybean	The EC approved Bioceres - 22/002: Trial release extension application for HB4 (IND-ØØ41Ø-5) soybean.
7.2	Bioceres - 22/003: Trial release	The EC approved Bioceres - 22/003: Trial release extension application for IND-ØØ41Ø-5 X MON-Ø4Ø32-6 soybean.

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		<p>provide comments in line with their mandates. The DFFE informed the EC that a consultation on the draft white paper with the biosafety/GMO stakeholders will be held on 07 September 2022.</p> <p>b. <u>Request from Malawi for a bilateral meeting</u></p> <p>(i) The DFFE informed the EC that they received a request for a bilateral meeting from Malawi. The DFFE requested the EC to provide guidance on a way forward on this request. The EC recommended that the DFFE should request Malawi to submit a formal request which will be forwarded to DIRCO for further guidance.</p>	DFFE
9.2	Cartagena Protocol (All)	<p>(i) The DFFE reminded the EC that the COP-MOP 10 will be held in Canada from 7-19 December 2022. The DFFE informed the EC that they are in the process of sending letters to respective departments for nomination of officials to form part of the South African delegation.</p> <p>(ii) The DFFE also informed the EC that requests for side events is opened until 30 September 2022. A final list of side events will be published on 15 October 2022.</p> <p>(iii) The DFFE further informed the EC that a national stakeholder consultation on CPB COP- MOP 10 will be held on 30 September 2022.</p>	DFFE
10.	General		
11.	Date of the next meeting	The EC noted that the date of the next EC meeting is scheduled for 01 November 2022.	All
12.	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 11:05am.	All

Approved by Chairperson
Dr. J Jaffha


 Signature

Approved by Registrar
Ms. NL Mkhonza


 Signature