

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 08 NOVEMBER 2016, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 236, PRETORIA

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)
 Ms N Tshidada
 Mr B Durham
 Prof G Bouwer
 Ms P Campbell
 Ms N Netnou Nkoana
 Ms W P Mandivenyi
 Mr M Mattala

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

APOLOGIES

Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu
 Ms J Mhlophe
 Dr A Sigobodhla
 Ms T Ndukwana

Department of Science and Technology (DST)
 Department of Labour (DoL)
 Department of Health (DoH)
 Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Mokhothu
 Ms R Ngoepe
 Ms N L Mkhonza
 Ms T Mogapi
 Ms T Carroll
 Ms A Madzivhandila
 Ms B Mathebula

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 Department of Health (DoH)
 Department of Science and Technology (DST)

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

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3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted.	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2016	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 13 September 2016 was approved with amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Feedback on Appeals Lodged under the GMO Act	The EC was informed that the appeal board has upheld EC's decision in the appeal lodged by the African Centre for Biodiversity against the decision taken by the Executive Council regarding the general release application of drought tolerant maize MON87460 submitted by Monsanto. The EC was reminded that the appeal board's decision is subject to the Minister taking a final decision on the appeal.	DAFF
5.2	Consideration of Syngenta appeal: application for commodity clearance of maize 3272 x Bt11 X MIR604 x GA21: reference number :12/121 (EC)	The EC reconsidered the Syngenta application and approved the application.	EC
5.8	Syngenta 15/154: Commodity Clearance of maize events 3272xBt11xMIR604XTC150 7X5307xGA21	The EC reconsidered the Syngenta application and approved the application.	EC
5.9	Outstanding commodity clearances	The EC approved the following commodity clearances:	EC

- Dow-15/023: commodity clearance of cotton DAS-81910-7;
- Dow-13/015: commodity clearance of cotton DAS-24236-5 x DAS-21023-5;
- Dow-13/010 Commodity Clearance of Maize MON89034 x TC1507 x MON88017

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6.4	Bayer - 16/066: Import & Trial Release of Cotton: GH614xT304-40xGHB119xCOT102 (GlyTolxTwinlinkxCOT102)	The EC approved the Bayer - 16/066: Import & Trial Release of Cotton: GH614xT304-40xGHB119xCOT102 (GlyTolxTwinlinkxCOT102).	EC
	New applications Commodity Clearance		
6.5	Monsanto - 16/1663: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87460xNKG603	The EC approved the Monsanto - 16/1663: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87460xNKG603.	EC
6.6	Pioneer- 16/1116: Commodity Clearance of maize TC1507xMON810xMIR162	The EC approved the Pioneer- 16/1116: Commodity Clearance of maize TC1507xMON810xMIR162.	EC
	New applications General Release	NONE	
7.	General		All
	Standing matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)		All
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	(i) The DEA informed the EC that they have received nominations of representatives to form part of the SA delegation from DST, DAFF, DoH, and DWS. A meeting for the SA delegation will be held on 14 November 2016 at DEA.	DEA

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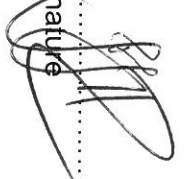
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7.3	Non-compliance Other	(iii) The EC was requested to provide their inputs towards the finalisation of the South African position paper. The draft position paper was circulated to the EC members.	EC
8	Proposed EC meeting dates for 2017/2018	The EC noted the circulated meeting dates for 2017/2018 financial year.	EC
9	Deputy chairperson of the Executive Council	The Chairperson of the EC reminded the EC that Section 2(3) of the GMO Act makes provision for the Minister to appoint a deputy chairperson from among the members of the Council. The current deputy chairperson is an alternate member and not the main member for DST. The DEA was nominated to be an alternate deputy chairperson in the event that the deputy Chairpersonship should be changed.	OoR
10	Section 8(3)-Acting Registrar	The OoR informed the EC that Section 8(3) of the GMO Act makes provisions for a Council member to act as the Registrar, when the Registrar is absent. The Registrar might be attending COP-MOP-8 from 02 December-18 December 2016. The EC nominated the EC Chairperson as the acting Registrar.	EC
11	Grain SA letter-GMO commodity clearance: Maize	(i) The OoR informed the EC that on 06 October 2016 GrainsSA submitted a letter on GMO maize commodity clearance to DAFF, the dti and DST. (ii) The EC considered the letter and recommended that the DAFF, the dti and DST meet with GrainsSA.	EC Chairperson
12	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 31 January 2017.	All

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13	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 12:03.	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

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Signature 

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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Signature 