

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 25 JULY 2017, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA**

**PRESENT**

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms N Tshidada	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Dr N Netinou Nkoana	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Dr A Sigobodhla	Department of Health (DoH)
Ms P Campbell	Department of Health (DoH)
Mr B Durham	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Ms T Ndukwana	Department of Trade and Industry ( <b>the dti</b> )
Mr M Matlala	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
Prof G Bouwer	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
Ms J Mhlophe	Department of Labour (DoL)

**APOLOGIES**

Ms W P Mandivenyi  
 Ms T Carroll  
 Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr S Mokhothu	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms R Ngoepe	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms A Madzivhandila	Department of Health (DoH)
Mr Thabang Bambo	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Ms Maryke Herbst	Department of Health (DoH)
Ms N L Mkhonza	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)

<b>NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>FOR ATTENTION</b>
1.	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b>	The Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting.	EC Chairperson
2.	<b>ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES</b>	The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature.	EC Chairperson

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3.	<b>ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>	The agenda was adopted with the following additions. 7.1 (a) BCH III project 7.1 (b) Commercial contained release 7.1 (c) Feedback on the third international animal biotechnology workshop 7.1 (d) Feedback on gene drive technology workshop 7.1 (e) Digital sequencing of genetic resources	All
4.	<b>APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 30 MAY 2017</b>	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 30 May 2017 was approved with no amendments.	All
5.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS</b>		
5.1	AC's review of Section 8 of the general release and commodity clearance application forms (AC Chairperson/OoR)	The EC considered the comments from AfricaBio and concluded that the comments do not justify any further amendment to the current application forms.	EC
5.2	Monsanto 16/1646: commodity clearance of maize MON87427xMO89034xMON88017	The EC noted that the additional information was reviewed by the AC review chairperson and more supplementary information is required from applicant.	EC
5.3	AC appointment/reappointment	The EC noted that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has reappointed the three AC members that were eligible for reappointment.	EC
5.4	ASSAF report: The regulatory implications of New Breeding Techniques	The EC noted that a workshop to discuss the report by ASSAF was held on 20 June 2017. Subsequent to the workshop the African Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) submitted comments on the ASSAF report. The EC concluded that further discussions on NBTs are required.	EC
5.5	ACB vs Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and others	The EC noted that a legal opinion clarifying how the EC is defined as a juristic body is still outstanding.	EC
6.	<b>APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)</b>		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	

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6.1	Monsanto- 17/1739: Import and trial release extension of MON87701x MON89788 soybean	The EC approved the Monsanto- 17/1739: Import and trial release extension of MON87701x MON89788 soybean subject to submission of additional information.	EC
6.2	Monsanto- 17/1741: Import and trial release extension of MON87460 x MON89034 xNK603 maize	The EC approved the Monsanto- 17/1741: Import and trial release extension of MON87460 x MON89034 xNK603 maize subject to submission of additional information.	EC
	<b>New applications Trial release and import and /or export</b>		
	<b>New applications Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and /or export</b>		
6.3	Triclinium - 16/084: Import & Trial Release of MVA-BN-RSV Vaccine	The EC approved the Triclinium - 16/084: Import & Trial Release of MVA-BN-RSV Vaccine subject to approval by MCC.	EC
6.4	Triclinium - 16/086: Import & Trial release of Ad26.Mos4.HIV vaccine	The EC approved the Triclinium - 16/086: Import & Trial release of Ad26.Mos4.HIV vaccine subject to approval by MCC.	EC
	<b>New applications Commodity Clearance</b>	None	
6.5	Pioneer – 16/1176: Commodity Clearance of Maize DP4114xMON810xMIR604xNK603	The EC approved the Pioneer – 16/1176: Commodity Clearance of Maize DP4114xMON810xMIR604xNK603.	EC
6.6	Syngenta – 17/157: Commodity clearance of maize BT11 x MIR162	The EC approved the Syngenta – 17/157: Commodity clearance of maize BT11 x MIR162 x MON89034 x GA2.	EC

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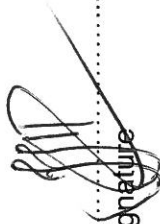
	x MON89034 x GA21		
	<b>New applications</b> General Release	None	
<b>7.</b>	<b>General</b>		All
	<b>Standing matters</b>		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	<p><b>A. BCH III project</b> The EC noted that there's a Biosafety Clearing House III (BCH III) project that South Africa will participate in and DEA will lead the project.</p> <p><b>B. Commercial contained release</b> The EC deliberated on the commercialization of GMOs under contained conditions and concluded that more information should be gathered on the matter.</p> <p><b>C. Feedback on the third international animal biotechnology workshop</b> The EC noted that on 26– 29 June 2017 the DST attended the third international animal biotechnology workshop organized by USDA in the USA. The workshop was an information sharing session.</p> <p><b>D. Feedback on gene drive technology workshop</b> The EC noted that on 24– 27 June 2017, the DEA attended a regional meeting on Gene drive technology organised by NEPAD in Gaborone, Botswana.</p> <p><b>E. Digital sequences on genetic resources</b> The EC noted the need for further discussion on digital sequences in order to formulate a national position.</p>	EC
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	The EC noted that on 18 of May 2017 the compliance committee had a	DEA

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	(ii) The EC noted a notification requesting parties to submit risk assessment topics that must be considered by the AHTEG on risk assessment under article 15 and 16.	
	(iii) The EC noted that a meeting for an AHTEG for Socio economic will be held In Slovakia on 9-13 October 2017; no documents are available yet.	
7.3	Non-compliance	DAFF
8	<b>Date of the next meeting</b>	All
9	<b>Closure</b>	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaffha

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 Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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