MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 28 MARCH 2017, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 236, PRETORIA

PRESENT	
Dr J Jaftha (Chairperson)	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms N Tshidada	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Prof G Bouwer	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
Ms P Campbell	Department of Health (DoH)
Ms N Netnou Nkoana	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms J Mhlophe	Department of Labour (DoL)
Dr A Sigobodhla	Department of Health (DoH)
APOLOGIES	
Ms T Ndukwana	Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**)
Mr M Matlala	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
Mr B Durham	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Ms W P Mandivenyi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mr S Mokhothu	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms R Ngoepe	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms N L Mkhonza	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms T Mogapi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms Maryke Herbst	Department of Health (DoH)

O.	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
3.	**ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**	The agenda was adopted with the following additions. 7.1 Kenya visit 7.4 Fall army worm	All

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4.	**APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 08 NOVEMBER 2016**	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 08 November 2016 was approved.	All
5.	**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS**		
5.1	AC's review of Section 8 of the general release and commodity clearance application forms (AC Chairperson/OoR)	(i) The AC Chair informed the EC that section 8 of the commodity clearance and general release applications was revised by the AC. The revision dealt specifically with the data requirements for stacked events. The following amendments were made: The note under section 8 has been deleted and an appendix that provides guidance for the completion of section 8 has been added. (ii) The EC approved the revised application forms. The OoR will inform AfricaBio that the use of the application forms will be effective as of 01st May 2017.	AC Chairperson EC and OoR
5.2	Monsanto 16/1646: commodity clearance of maize MON87427xMO89034xMON88017	The EC deliberated on the application and additional information submitted by the applicant and concluded that the application should not be approved.	EC
5.3	Permit for the Syngenta application for commodity clearance of maize 3272 x Bt11 X MIR604 x GA21: reference number :12/121	The EC noted the letter submitted by Syngenta with regards to the additional permit conditions and the proposed implementation plan and concluded that the decision is pending further consultations.	EC
5.4	Outstanding soybean commodity clearance: Monsanto-13/1369: soybean MON87705 x MON89788 and Dow-12/008: soybean DAS68416-4	The EC approved the following commodity clearance applications: • Monsanto-13/1369: soybean MON87705 x MON89788; and • Dow-12/008: soybean DAS68416-4.	EC
6.	**APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)**		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import		

	and exports		
	New applications Trial release and import and /or export	None	
	New applications Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and /or export		
6.2	Deltamune – 16/002: Contained Use of Poultry Vaccine (rNDVLS/IBVS)	The EC approved the Deltamune–16/002: contained use of poultry vaccine ($rNDV^{LS}/IBV^{S}$)	EC
6.3	Biovac – 16/001: Import & Contained Use of ID93 cells	The EC approved the Biovac – 16/001: Import & Contained Use of ID93 cells.	EC
	New applications Commodity Clearance		
	New applications General Release	None	
7.	**General**		All
	Standing matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	**A. <u>Kenya visit</u>** The EC Chairperson informed the EC that the DST has been engaging Kenya on biosafety matters since late 2016. Kenya has now confirmed a high level meeting between the Kenyan Government and agencies that are involved in biosafety as well as the South African counterparts. The request is for South Africa to share its experiences. The meeting will be held in Nairobi on 12 May 2017. **B. <u>Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) document</u>** The DEA informed the EC that they have reviewed the ERA document and the document was circulated to EC for inputs. The EC was informed that consultations	DAFF DEA

		will be conducted.	
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	The DEA reminded the EC that the COP-MOP 8 took place in Cancun, Mexico in December 2016. A draft document containing decisions of the COP-MOP 8 was compiled by DEA and circulated to EC. The EC indicated that they need some time to review the document and they will communicate directly with DEA to provide clarity on the document, where applicable.	DEA/EC
7.3	Non-compliance	None	DAFF
7.4	Fall Army Worm (FAW)	The EC chairperson informed the EC that the DAFF has been dealing with the Fall Armyworm outbreak since the beginning of January 2017.	EC Chairperson
	Other		
8	AC appointment/re-appointment	(i) The OoR informed the EC that the tenure of some AC members will expire on 06 July 2017 and that section 10(6) of the GMO Act makes provision for the reappointment of AC members and section 5 (1) (m) makes provision for the EC to make recommendations to the Minister on the appointment of members to the Advisory Committee. (ii) The EC deliberated on the matter and considered the members expertise, current contribution and the current composition of the AC. Based on the performance, extensive knowledge and technical ability to perform safety assessment for a wide range of activities, the EC, acting in terms of Section 5 (1) (m) recommended that the members be reappointed.	EC
12	**Date of the next meeting**	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 30 May 2017.	All
13	**Closure**	The meeting was concluded at 11:05.	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

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Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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