

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 30
MAY 2017, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA**

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)
 Ms N Tshidada
 Dr N Netnou Nkoana
 Ms W P Mandivenyi
 Dr A Sigobodhla
 Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu
 Ms P Campbell
 Mr B Durham

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
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 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Department of Health (DoH)
 Department of Science and Technology (DST)
 Department of Health (DoH)
 Department of Science and Technology (DST)

APOLOGIES

Ms T Ndukwana
 Mr M Matlala
 Prof G Bouwer
 Ms J Mhlophe
 Ms N L Mkhonza

Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**)
 Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
 Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
 Department of Labour (DoL)
 Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Mokhothu
 Ms R Ngoepe
 Ms T Mogapi
 Ms B Maimela

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

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 with the following additions. 5.5 ACB vs Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and others 7.1 b Feedback on Kenya visit 7.1 c NEPAD meeting on Gene drive technology 7.4 Guidelines for notifications	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 28 MARCH 2017	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 28 March 2017 was approved with amendments.	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)	The EC noted AfricaBio's request to comment on the application forms and concluded that the 01 st of July 2017 will remain the implementation date for the use of the application forms.	EC
5.2	Monsanto 16/1646: commodity clearance of maize MON87427xMO89034xMON88017	The EC deliberated on the additional information and recommended that the additional information be referred back to the AC review chairperson.	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. The EC concluded that one of the permit conditions be deleted and also accepted the proposed implementation plan.	EC
5.4	AC appointment/re-appointment	The EC noted that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries decision on the reappointment of AC members is still outstanding.	EC
5.5	ACB vs Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and	The EC noted the notice of motion from African Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) against the approval of Monsanto's general release application of maize event	EC

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	Fisheries and others	MON87460. The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is cited as the first respondent and the EC is cited as the fourth respondent.	
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR) Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	Registrar
	New applications Trial release and import and /or export		
	New applications Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and /or export		
6.1	Triclinium – 16/087: Import and Trial Release of ALVAC HIV (vCP2438) vaccine	The EC approved Triclinium – 16/087: Import and Trial Release of ALVAC HIV (vCP2438) vaccine subject to MCC approval.	EC
6.2	Deltamune – 16/003: Contained Use of Herbivac RVF DD vaccine	The EC approved the Deltamune – 16/003: Contained Use of Herbivac RVF DD vaccine	EC
	New applications Commodity Clearance	None	
	New applications General Release	None	

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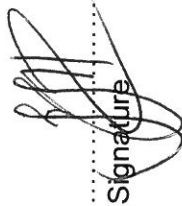
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7.	General Standing matters		All
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	<p>A. <u>ASSAF report: The regulatory implications of New Breeding Techniques</u> The EC noted the consensus report on new breeding techniques (NBTs) published by the Academy of Science in South Africa (ASSAF) and concluded that there should be an open meeting/workshop with the relevant stakeholders followed by closed EC meeting.</p> <p>(B) <u>Kenya visit</u> The EC noted that on 12 May 2017, the DAFF, DEA and DST attended a high level consultative meeting with Kenyan government executives and the board of directors of related biosafety regulatory agencies in Kenya. The meeting was organised by the National Biosafety Authority (NBA) in collaboration with African Biosafety Network of Expertise (ABNE). SA was invited to participate and share its extensive experience in the application of GMOs especially on the coordination of different agencies involved.</p> <p>(C) <u>NEPAD meeting on Gene drive technology</u> The EC noted that NEPAD sent invitations to the focal points of the Biosafety Protocol to attend the regional meeting on Gene drive technology which will be held from the 24th – 27th June 2017, in Gaborone, Botswana.</p>	EC
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	The EC noted that DEA has organised a consultative workshop on the outcomes of the eighth Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP8). The workshop will be held on the 6 th June 2017.	EC
7.3	Non-compliance	None	DAFF
7.4	Guidelines for notifications	The EC noted that the clinical trial committee is requesting a meeting with DAFF/OoR to discuss the newspaper notification for GMO clinical trials.	EC

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9	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 25 July 2017.	All
10	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 12:45.	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr. J Jaffha

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 Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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 Signature