

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 02 OCTOBER 2018, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA

PRESENT

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

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

APOLOGIES

Ms T Ndukwana
 Ms W Mandivenyi
 Prof G Bouwer
 Ms J Mhlophe
 Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu

Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**)
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
 Department of Labour (DoL)
 Department of Science and Technology (DST)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Mokhothu
 Ms M Hlalele
 Ms A Madzivhandila
 Ms Z Mboweni
 Ms T Mthombeni
 Ms N L Mkhonza

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Department of Health (DoH)
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NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	The Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting and offered condolences to DEA on the passing of their Minister Ms Edna Molewa.	EC Chairperson
2.	ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES	The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature and apologies were noted.	EC Chairperson

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3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with additions.	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 24 July 2018	The record of proceedings of 24 July 2018 was approved with amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Update – NBT’s AC position	The EC noted that the AC will have a two day workshop in November 2018 to assess the regulatory implication of the individual techniques that fall under the NBT umbrella.	EC
5.2	Update on SACOTA’s legal opinion on exports (OoR)	The EC noted the State Law Advisors legal opinion in response to SACOTA’s legal opinion indicated that response to SACOTA’s on exports. Further engagements were proposed in this regard.	EC
5.3	Additional permit condition	The EC noted that the discussion on permit conditions between DWS and the EC Chairperson is still outstanding.	EC Chairperson/ DWS
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	
6.1	Dow AgroSciences-18/035: Import & Trial release extension of maize DAS-40278-9.	The EC approved the Dow AgroSciences- 18/035: Import & Trial release extension of maize DAS-40278-9.	EC
6.2	Dow AgroSciences-18/036: Import & Trial release extension of maize NK603x DAS-40278-9 maize.	The EC approved the Dow AgroSciences- 18/036: Import & Trial release extension of maize NK603x DAS-40278-9 maize.	EC

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6.3	<p>release extension of maize NK603x DAS-40278-9 maize.</p> <p>Dow AgroSciences- 18/037: Import & Trial release extension of maize MON89034 x 1507 x NK603.</p>	<p>The EC approved the Dow AgroSciences- 18/037: Import & Trial release extension of maize MON89034 x 1507 x NK603.</p>	EC
6.4	<p>Dow AgroSciences- 18/038: Import & Trial release extension of maize MON89034 x 1507 x NK603 x DAS-40278-9.</p>	<p>The EC approved the Dow AgroSciences- 18/038: Import & Trial release extension of maize MON89034 x 1507 x NK603 x DAS-40278-9.</p>	EC
	<p>New applications</p>		
6.5	<p>Trial release and import and /or export</p> <p>Syngenta - 18/160: Import & Trial Release of Maize Bt11xMIR162xGA21.</p>	<p>The EC approved the Syngenta - 18/160: Import & Trial Release of Maize Bt11xMIR162xGA21.</p>	EC
6.6	<p>Bayer - 18/075: Import and Trial release of Cotton</p>	<p>The EC approved the Bayer - 18/075: Import and Trial release of Cotton Glytol x LibertyLink (GLxLL).</p>	EC

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	Glytol x LibertyLink (GLxLL).		
	Contained use and import and/or export	None	
	Commodity Clearance		
6.7	Bayer – 17/074: Commodity clearance of Soybean FG72 x A5547-127.	The EC approved the Bayer – 17/074: Commodity clearance of Soybean FG72 x A5547-127.	EC
6.8	Monsanto 18/1789: Commodity Clearance of soybean MON87751 x MON87701xMON87708xMON89788.	The EC approved the Monsanto 18/1789: Commodity Clearance of soybean MON87751 x MON87701xMON87708xMON89788.	EC
	General Release		
6.9	Monsanto -17/1724: General release of Maize MON87460xMON89034 xNK603	The EC did not approve the Monsanto -17/1724: General release of Maize MON87460xMON89034 xNK603.	EC
6.10	DowAgro - 18/033: General release of Maize MON89034x1507xNK603.	The EC approved the DowAgro - 18/033: General release of Maize MON89034x1507xNK603.	EC
6.11	Intervet - 18/003: General	EC's decision on Intervet - 18/003: General Release of Innovax-ND-IBD poultry vaccine application is pending.	EC

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	Release of Innovax-ND-IBD poultry vaccine.		
7.	General		All
	Standing matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments	<p>a. <u>Registration of silos</u> The EC noted the enquiry from AGBIZ and indicated that more information is required.</p> <p>b. <u>Pioneer proposal on hybrid seed production</u> The EC noted Pioneer's proposal on hybrid seed production and indicated that more time is required to review and provide inputs on the proposals. OoR will circulate the proposal to EC for consideration. The proposal will be discussed in the next EC meeting.</p> <p>c. <u>Monsanto proposal on hybrid seed production</u> The EC noted Monsanto's proposal on hybrid seed production and indicated that more time is required to review and provide inputs on the proposals. OoR will circulate the proposal to EC for consideration. The proposal will be discussed in the next EC meeting.</p>	EC
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	<p>(i) The EC noted that the first BCH III workshop organized by DEA was held on 11-12 September 2018 in Pretoria. DEA will share the workshop report with EC members. DEA will determine the date for the second BCH workshop.</p> <p>(ii) DEA reminded the EC of the upcoming COP-MOP and indicated that they are developing a table that will allocate COP-MOP assignments for EC members.</p>	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance	None	OoR
8.	Explanatory note: South African approach on Low Level Presence (LLP) (OoR)	The EC considered and approved the explanatory note on LLP with minor amendments.	EC

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9.	Guideline on time extension of current permits issued and Time extension application form (OoR)	The EC considered and approved the guideline document on time extension of current permits issued and time extension application form with amendments.	EC
10.	Reappointment of Advisory Committee (OoR)	<p>(i) The OoR informed the EC that the tenure of some AC members will expire on April and November 2019 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.</p> <p>(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.</p>	EC
11.	Proposed EC meeting dates for 2019/20	The EC noted the proposed meeting dates for 2019/20 and requested that the February 2020 meeting be changed to the 11 February 2020.	EC
12 (a)	Feedback on BioAfrica Convention	The EC noted that the first BioAfrica Convention organized by AfricaBio was held in Durban from 27-29 August 2018.	EC
12 (b)	Feedback on AfricaBio symposium: Namibian GMO Food Labelling Regulations	The EC noted that AfricaBio held a symposium on Namibian GMO food labelling regulation on 27 September 2018 at Irene.	EC
13	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 20 November 2018.	All
14	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 12:30.	All

Approved by Chairperson

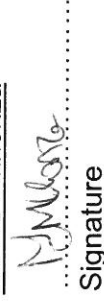
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 Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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