

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 24 JULY 2018, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms J Mhlophe	Department of Labour (DoL)
Mr B Durham (Deputy Chairperson)	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Prof G Bouwer	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
Ms N Tshidada	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Ms P Campbell	Department of Health (DoH)

APOLOGIES

Ms T Ndukwana	Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)
Dr N Netnou-Nkoana	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Dr A Sigobodhla	Department of Health (DoH)
Mr M Matlala	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
Ms W 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 T Mogapi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms M Hlalele	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms A Madzivhandila	Department of Health (DoH)
Ms Z Mboweni	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
Ms N L Mkhonza	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)

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 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 29 May 2018	The record of proceedings of 29 May 2018 was approved with amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Update – NBT’s AC position	The EC noted AC’s recommendation with regards to the regulatory implication of NBT and concluded that further assessment of individual techniques is required.	EC
5.2	Update – Regional Engagement Strategy on Biosafety	The EC noted that the Regional Engagement Strategy on Biosafety was discussed at Cabinet on 30 May 2018 and the final Cabinet decision is outstanding.	DEA
5.3	Monsanto – 18/1785: Import and Trial release extension of Soybean MON87701 x MON89788	The EC approved Monsanto – 18/1785: import and trial release extension of Soybean MON87701 x MON89788.	EC
5.4	Monsanto–18/1786: Import and Trial release extension of Maize MON87427xMON89034xMIR162xNK603	The EC approved Monsanto–18/1786: Import and Trial release extension of Maize MON87427xMON89034xMIR162xNK603	EC
5.5	Research agreement	The EC noted that the research agreement discussions that took place in 2013 were never finalised. However, the EC concluded that permit condition 8 on research is acceptable to address the MON810 report’s recommendation on research.	EC
5.6	Update-Assessment end points	The EC noted that the DEA will circulate the concept note on assessment end points to the EC for further inputs.	DEA
5.7	Update-Monsanto - 17/1724: General release	The EC noted that Monsanto has submitted additional information and concluded that the application will be tabled at the next EC meeting.	EC
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar

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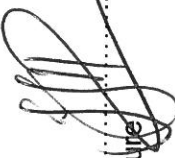
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	
	New applications		
	Trial release and import and /or export		
6.1	Monsanto – 18/1783: Import & Trial Release of Maize MON87427x MON89034xMIR162xNK60	The EC approved the Monsanto – 18/1783: Import & Trial Release of Maize MON87427x MON89034xMIR162xNK60.	EC
6.2	Monsanto – 18/1784: Import & Trial Release of Soybean MON87701xMON89788	The EC approved the Monsanto – 18/1784: Import & Trial Release of Soybean MON87701xMON89788.	EC
6.3	Syngenta – 18/161: Import & Trial Release of Bt11xMIR162xMON89034xGA21	The EC approved the Syngenta – 18/161: Import & Trial Release of Bt11xMIR162xMON89034xGA21.	EC
	Contained use and import and/or export	None	
	Commodity Clearance		
6.4	DowAgro – 18/034: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON89034x 1507xMIR162xNK603	The EC approved the DowAgro – 18/034: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON89034x 1507xMIR162xNK603.	EC
	General Release		
6.5	DowAgro - 18/033: General release	The EC's decision on DowAgro - 18/033: General release of Maize	EC

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	of Maize MON89034x1507xNK603	MON89034x1507xNK603 is pending.	
7.	General		All
	Standing matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments	<p>a. <u>Animal feeding studies</u> The EC noted that a query was sent to DST on whether animal feeding trials are still required on the new protein/s made in transgenic plants and if so what are the requirements? The EC recommended that query be sent to the OoR with more specifics about the particular traits and molecular characteristics.</p>	EC
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	<p>a. <u>Feedback on SBSTTA and SBI</u> The EC noted that the DEA and DAFF attended the 22nd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and the 2nd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) in Montreal, Canada from 02-13 July 2018; and that the recommendations prepared at SBSTTA and SBI will be considered in the ninth Meeting of the Parties (COP-MOP 9).</p>	DEA/DAFF
7.3	Non-compliance	None	OoR
8	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 18 September 2018.	All
9	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 12:40.	All


Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

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 Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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