

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2017, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)	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)
Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Ms T Ndukwana	Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)
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)
Ms W Mandivenyi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

APOLOGIES

Dr N Netnou Nkoana	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms N Tshidada	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 Carroll	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms T Mogapi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms A Madzivhandila	Department of Health (DoH)
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.	EC Chairperson

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3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with the following additions. 6.6 DOW - 17/028: Trial release of MON89034x1507xNK603xDAS-40278-9 7.1 (a) Capacity building 7.1 (c) Monsanto's update on Fall Armyworm	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 25 JULY 2017	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 25 July 2017 was approved with no amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Monsanto 16/1646: commodity clearance of maize MON87427xMO89034xMON88017	The EC approved the Monsanto 16/1646: commodity clearance of maize MON87427xMO89034xMON88017.	EC
5.2	NBT's	The EC noted that the AC will have discussions on NBT's and provide a view on the regulation of NBTs for EC's consideration.	EC
5.3	ACB vs Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and others	The EC considered the legal opinion clarifying how the EC is defined as a juristic body and also noted that the response to the notice of motion submitted by ACB is not yet filed.	DAFF
5.4	Guidance on time extension applications (OoR)	The EC discussed the time extension applications and the information contained in the annual reports and concluded that they need to come with clear guidelines in this regard.	
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	
	New applications Trial release and import and /or export		
6.1	Monsanto - 17/1740: Import & Trial	The EC approved the Monsanto - 17/1740: Import & Trial Release of Maize	EC

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	Release of Maize MON87427xMON89034xMIR162xNK6 03	MON87427xMON89034xMIR162xNK603 subject to submission of additional information.	
	New applications Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and /or export		
	New applications Commodity Clearance	None	
6.2	Monsanto - 17/1730: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87427xMON87460xMON89034xMIR162xNK603	The EC approved the Monsanto - 17/1731: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87427xMON89034xTC1507xMON87411xDAS59122 subject to submission of additional information.	EC
6.3	Monsanto - 17/1731: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87427xMON89034xTC1507xMON87411xDAS59122	The EC approved the Monsanto - 17/1731: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87427xMON89034xTC1507xMON87411xDAS59122 subject to submission of additional information.	EC
6.4	Monsanto - 17/1742: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87427xMON89034xMIR162xMON87411	The EC approved the Monsanto - 17/1742: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87427xMON89034xMIR162xMON87411 subject to submission of additional information.	EC
	New applications		

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6.5	<p>General Release</p> <p>Monsanto - 17/1724: General Release of Maize</p> <p>MON87460xMON89034xNK603</p>	<p>The EC decision on Monsanto - 17/1724: General Release of Maize MON87460xMON89034xNK603 is pending submission of additional information.</p>	EC
6.6	<p>New applications</p> <p>Trial release and import and /or export</p> <p>DOW - 17/028: Trial release of MON89034x1507xNK603xDAS-40278-9</p>	<p>The EC approved the DOW - 17/028: Trial release of MON89034x1507xNK603xDAS-40278-9 subject to submission of additional information.</p>	EC
7.	<p>General</p> <p>Standing matters</p>		All
7.1	<p>Regulatory and policy developments (All)</p>	<p>A. <u>Update on Consumer Protection Act: Regulation on labelling of GMOs</u></p> <p>The EC noted and deliberated on the presentation on the amended regulation on labelling of GMOs given by the Directorate: Credit and Consumer Law Policy from the dti.</p> <p>B. <u>Capacity building</u></p> <p>The EC noted that Ms A Madzvhandila from the DoH attended the COCHRAN fellowship program on biotechnology sponsored by USDA in August 2017. The main focus of the program was on intellectual property and also the trade of biotechnology products.</p> <p>C. <u>Monsanto's update on Fall Armyworm</u></p> <p>The EC noted Monsanto's update on Fall Armyworm and concluded that further deliberations are required in this regard.</p>	All

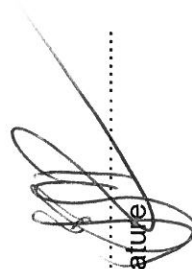
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7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	<p>(i) The EC noted that an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) meeting that will take place on 9-13 October 2017 in Slovakia and deliberated on the draft position on Socio-economic. The EC supported the draft position with amendments.</p> <p>(ii) The EC noted that linked to article 26 is the use of term indigenous people and local communities. In the next Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) meeting indigenous people and local communities will be an agenda item and the EC is requested to provide inputs once the documents are available.</p>	EC
7.3	Non-compliance	None	DAFF
8	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 21 November 2017.	All
9	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 12:40.	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr. J. Jafftha

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Signature



Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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