

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2017, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA

PRESENT

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| Mr B Durham (Deputy Chairperson) | Department of Science and Technology (DST) |
| Dr A Sigobodhla | Department of Health (DoH) |
| Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu | Department of Science and Technology (DST) |
| Ms T Ndukwana | Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) |
| Prof G Bouwer | Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997 |
| Ms W Mandivenyi | Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) |

APOLOGIES

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| Dr N Nethrou Nkoana | Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) |
| Ms N Tshidada | Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) |
| Dr J Jaftha (Chairperson) | Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) |
| Ms P Carrpbell | Department of Health (DoH) |
| Mr M Matlala | Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) |
| Ms J Mhlopho | Department of Labour (DoL) |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Mr S Mokothu | Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) |
| 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 |
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| 1. | OPENING AND WELCOME | The Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting. | EC Deputy Chairperson |
| 2. | ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES | The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature. | EC Deputy Chairperson |

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| 3. | ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA | The agenda was adopted with the following additions: 6.10 general release Monsanto 17/11724 7.1b South African Human Rights Commission 7.2a Convention on Biological Diversity Notification 7.2 b Feedback on the AHTEG Socio-economic considerations meeting | All |
| 4. | APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 19 SEPTEMBER 2017 | The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 19 September 2017 was approved with amendments. | All |
| 5. | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS | | |
| 5.1 | Guidance on time extension applications | The EC noted that the OoR will circulate the draft guidelines for discussion by EC in the January 2018 EC meeting. | EC/OoR |
| 5.2 | Monsanto's update on Fall Armyworm | The EC deliberated on Monsanto's update on Fall Armyworm and concluded that the EC is only responsible for considering efficacy data as part of an application submitted in terms of the GMO Act and as a result cannot acknowledge efficacy of a product outside of the approval process of the GMO Act. | EC |
| 6. | APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR) | | Registrar |
| | Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports | None | |
| 6.1 | DOW - 17/029: Import and Trial release extension of DAS-40278-9 maize event | The EC approved the DOW - 17/029: Import and Trial release extension of DAS-40278-9 maize event. | EC |
| 6.2 | DOW - 17/030: Import and Trial release of NK603xDAS-40278-9 maize event | The EC approved the DOW - 17/030: Import and Trial release of NK603xDAS-40278-9 maize event. | EC |
| 6.3 | DOW - 17/031: Import and Trial release of MON89034x1507xNK603 maize event | The EC approved the DOW - 17/031: Import and Trial release of MON89034x1507xNK603 maize event. | EC |
| 6.4 | DOW - 17/032: Import and Trial release | The EC approved the DOW - 17/032: Import and Trial release of | EC |

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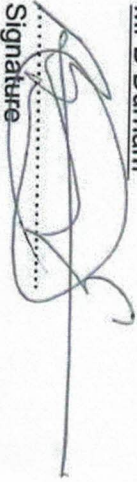
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| | of MON89034x1507xNK603xDAS-40278-9 maize event | MON89034x1507xNK603xDAS-40278-9 maize event. | |
| | New applications Trial release and import and /or export | | |
| 6.5 | Bashumi - 17/001: Import & Trial Release of TB Vaccine (MTBVAC) | The EC approved the Bashumi - 17/001: Import & Trial Release of TB Vaccine (MTBVAC) subject to Medicines and Related Substances Act of 1965 (Act 101 of 1965) approval. | EC |
| 6.6 | Triclinium - 17/092: Import & Trial of ALVAC HIV (VCP2438) vaccine | The EC approved the Triclinium - 17/092: Import & Trial of ALVAC HIV (VCP2438) vaccine subject to Medicines and Related Substances Act of 1965 (Act 101 of 1965) approval. | EC |
| 6.7 | Genective - 17/001: Import and Trial release of Maize VCO-Ø1981-5 | The EC approved the Genective - 17/001: Import and Trial release of Maize VCO-Ø1981-5 subject to submission of additional information. | EC |
| | New applications Contained use and import and/or export | None | |
| | New applications Commodity Clearance | None | |
| 6.8 | Monsanto - 17/1749: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON89034xMIR162 | The EC approved the Monsanto - 17/1749: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON89034xMIR162. | EC |
| | New applications General Release | | |
| 6.9 | CEVA - 17/007: General Release of Poultry Vaccine Vectormune HVT AIV | The EC decision on CEVA - 17/007: General Release of Poultry Vaccine Vectormune HVT AIV is pending submission of additional information. | EC |
| 6.10 | General release Monsanto 17/1724 | The EC noted that the applicant submitted the additional information on 16 November 2017 and the application will be tabled in the January 2018 EC meeting; this will provide sufficient time for the EC to review the information. | EC |
| | New applications Trial release and import and /or export | | |

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| 7. | General | | | | All |
| | Standing matters | | | | |
| 7.1 | Regulatory and policy developments (All) | | <p>A. Regional Engagement Strategy on Biosafety The EC noted that the DEA has developed a draft regional engagement strategy on biosafety.</p> <p>B. South African Human Rights Commission The EC noted that the South Africa Human Rights Commission will be hosting a seminar on the use of GMOs in the production of agricultural foods and the human rights impact on 6 December 2017 at the SAHRC head office.</p> | | All |
| 7.2 | Cartagena Protocol (DEA) | | The EC noted that the DST attended the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Socio-economic considerations held on 9-13 October 2017 in Slovakia. The purpose of the meeting was to work on the guidelines as indicated under the outcomes of the operational objective 1.7 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. | | All |
| 7.3 | Non-compliance | | None | | DAFF |
| 8 | Proposed EC meeting dates for 2018/19 | | The EC noted the circulated meeting dates for 2018/2019 financial year. | | All |
| 9 | Date of the next meeting | | The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 30 January 2017. | | All |
| 10 | Closure | | The meeting was concluded at 12:00. | | All |

Approved by Deputy Chairperson

Mr B Durham


Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza


Signature