

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2019, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA**

**PRESENT**

Dr J Jaftha (Chairperson)  
 Dr N Netnou-Nkoana  
 Mr M Matlala  
 Ms N Tshidada  
 Ms P Campbell  
 Prof G Bouwer  
 Ms J Mhlophe  
 Ms T Mthombeni  
 Ms T Ndukwana  
 Ms W Mandivenyi

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

**APOLOGIES**

Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu  
 Mr B Durham  
 Dr A Sigobodhla  
 Ms A Madzivhandila  
 Ms Z Mboweni

Department of Science and Technology (DST)  
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 Department of Health (DoH)  
 Department of Health (DoH)  
 Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr S Mokhothu  
 Ms T Mogapi  
 Mr T Bambo  
 Ms R Ngoepe  
 Ms B Mahlangu  
 Ms N L Mkhonza

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<b>NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>FOR ATTENTION</b>
1.	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b>	The Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting.	EC Chairperson
2.	<b>ATTENDANCE REGISTER</b>	The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature and	EC

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	AND APOLOGIES	Chairperson
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 02 OCTOBER 2018	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS	
5.1	NBT's (AC Chairperson/OoR)	EC
5.2	Registration of silos (EC)	EC
5.3 and 5.4	Pioneer proposal on hybrid seed production (EC) AND Monsanto proposal on hybrid seed production (EC).	EC
5.5	Reappointment of Advisory Committee (OoR)	EC
5.6	Appeals lodged under the GMO Act (DAFF)	EC
5.8	DoH presentation on glyphosate and 2,4d	EC

apologies were noted.

The agenda was adopted with additions.

The record of proceedings of 02 October 2018 was approved with amendments.

The EC noted that the AC had a workshop on 14 November 2018 to assess the regulatory implication of the individual techniques that fall under the NBT umbrella. The EC deliberated on the workshop report and concluded that further engagements are necessary.

The EC noted the additional information from AGBIZ and concluded that they will further engage AGBIZ.

The EC deliberated on Pioneer's and Monsanto's proposals on hybrid seed production and concluded that seed production using sub-stacks that are not intended for the commercial market in South Africa will be handled as a field trial.

The EC noted that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries is still considering the EC's recommendation on the reappointment of the AC members.

The EC noted that Monsanto has lodged an appeal against EC's decision not to approve the general release application of maize MON87460 x MON89034 x NK603; reference number 39.4.1/Monsanto - 17/1724.

The EC noted the presentation on a sampling run: glyphosate & 2,4 D in selected staple foods and "Fall Army Worm" related pesticides in maize meal conducted by the Department of Health in 2017/18.

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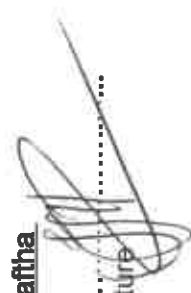
5.9	Applications approved by EC in November 2019	<p>The EC approved the following applications in November 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monsanto - 18/1813: Commodity clearance of Maize MON87427xMON89034xMON87419xNK603.</li> <li>• Monsanto - 18/1814: Commodity clearance of Maize MON87427xMON89034xTC1507x MON87411 x DAS-59122-7 x MON87419.</li> <li>• Pioneer - 18/1242: Import and trial release of Maize TC1507 x MIR162 x NK603.</li> <li>• Pioneer - 18/1243: Import and trial release of Maize MON89034 x TC1507 x MIR162 x NK603 x DAS-40278-9.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)</b>		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	
	New applications		
	Trial release and import and /or export		
6.1	Monsanto 18/1837: Import and trial release of maize MON97460 x MON810	The EC's decision on Monsanto 18/1837: Import and trial release of maize MON97460 x MON810 is pending.	EC
	Contained use and import and/or export	None	
	Commodity Clearance	None	
	General Release	None	
7.	<b>General</b>		All
	<b>Standing matters</b>		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments	The EC noted that the Department of Labour is reviewing regulations on hazardous biological agents and the regulations are not yet published for public comments.	DoL

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7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	<p>a. Feedback on COP-MOP-9 The DEA reminded the EC that the COP-MOP 9 took place in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt on November 2018 and thanked the EC members who participated. The EC noted that the DEA has circulated the COP-MOP-9 implementation plan for EC's consideration.</p> <p>b. Regional workshop on risk assessment and management The DEA informed the EC that they are planning a regional workshop on risk assessment and management with the CBD Secretariat, the workshop is scheduled for 08-12 April 2019 in Pretoria.</p>	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance	None	OoR
8	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 02 April 2019. The OoR was however alerted that there is an ISBR meeting during this time and some EC members might not be available.	All
9	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 12:58.	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

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Signature 

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

  
Signature