

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 03
NOVEMBER 2015, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA**

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms N Netnou Nkoana	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
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 (DWA)
Ms J Mhlophe	Department of Labour (DoL)
Prof G Bouwer	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
Mr B Durham	Department of Science and Technology (DST)

APOLOGIES

Ms W P Mandivenyi
Ms N Tshidada

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms R Ngoepe
Ms N L Mkhonza
Ms S Mokhothu
Ms T Mogapi
Ms T Kone

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
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND	The agenda was adopted.	All

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	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA		
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2015	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 29 September 2015 was approved with no amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Feedback on Appeals Lodged under the GMO Act	<p>(i) The EC was reminded that Syngenta has appealed the EC's decision on the commodity clearance application of maize 3272 x BT11 x MIR604 x GA21. The Minister has appointed the appeal board.</p> <p>(ii) The EC was informed that African Centre for Biodiversity is appealing against the approval of general release of draught tolerant maize MON87460 submitted by Monsanto.</p>	DAFF
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
6.1	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports		
6.1	Wits- Import and amended protocol Alvac-HIV (VCP1521)	The EC approved the Wits-Import and amended protocol Alvac-HIV subject to MCC approval.	
6.2	Triclinium 15/081: Trial release of ALVAC HIV (VCP2438) vaccine	The EC approved the Triclinium 15/081: Trial release of ALVAC HIV (VCP2438) vaccine subject to MCC approval.	
	New applications	NONE	

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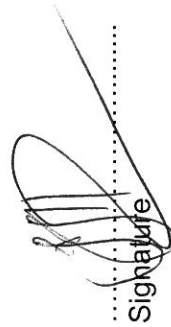
NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
	Trial release and import and /or export		
	Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and /or export	NONE	
	Commodity Clearance	NONE	
	New applications General Release		
6.3	Dow 15/022: General release of Maize MON89034 x 1507x NK603	The EC's decision on the Dow 15/022: General release of Maize MON89034 x 1507x NK603 is pending.	
7.	General		All
	Standing matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	<p>(a) R & D tax incentives</p> <p>(i) The EC was informed that DST manages the R&D tax incentive program which is co-supported by National Treasury and South African Revenue Service (SARS). The main aim of the incentive is to encourage the private sector to invest in scientific research and development. The incentive allows a deduction up to 150% of expenditure incurred directly for R&D.</p> <p>(ii) The EC was informed that the regulations were changed about a year ago to allow for human clinical trials until phase 3.</p>	DST

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7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	(i) The EC was reminded that DEA submitted a request to their Minister to approve the third National report. The submission was not approved and the DEA Minister decided to take the third national report to Cabinet. (ii) The EC was informed that the report was tabled last week and DEA had to make minor amendments to the report. The DEA will inform the EC of the outcome	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance Other	NONE	DAFF All
8.	Proposed EC meeting dates	The EC noted the 2016/2017 EC meeting dates.	
9.	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 26 January 2016.	All
10.	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 11:35	All

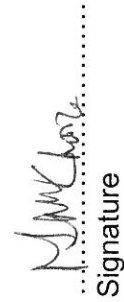
Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha


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Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza


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