

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON
15 MAY 2012, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA**

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson) Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Mr B Durham Department of Science and Technology (DST)
 Prof G Bouwer Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
 Mr A Pretorius Department of Health (DoH)

APOLOGIES

Ms J Mhlophe Department of Labour (DoL)
 Ms E Koekemoer Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)
 Ms W P Mandivenyi Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Mr M D Matlala Department of Health (DoH)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms N L Mkhonza Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (secretariat) (DAFF)
 Ms R Ngoepe Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Ms T Tshimomola Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Ms K C Malakalaka Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Ms L Nkgadime Department of Science and Technology (DST)

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 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with the following additions. 5.7. Research agreement 5.8 Academy of Science for South Africa (ASSAF)	

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		8.5. EC workshop	
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 24 JANUARY 2012	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 24 January 2012 was amended and approved.	
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Feedback on appeals lodged under the GMO Act (DAFF)	(i) The EC was reminded that the DG's office will follow up with the appeal board chairperson. The EC Chair is still awaiting a feedback from the DG's office. The EC will be informed of any developments on this matter.	DAFF
5.2	Commodities (Registrar) Permit conditions	(i) The EC was informed that the legal opinion on the commodity clearance permit conditions 1.6 and 1.10 is still pending.	DAFF
	(b) Asynchronous approvals	(i) There was no discussion.	DAFF

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5.3	GM threshold and adventitious presence (DAFF)	<p>(i) The EC was reminded about the outstanding inputs on the guidance document on AP and LLP which was circulated for the March meeting.</p> <p>(ii) The EC suggested that the review of the guidance document be dealt with at the upcoming EC workshop.</p>	DAFF
5.4	MON810 insect resistance in SA (DEA)	(i) The EC was informed that DEA has sent the MON810 action plan to the AC chair; however there was no further engagement between the AC chair and DEA.	DEA
5.5	Pioneer 17/3/1-Pioneer - 09/383.C Commodity clearance of maize 98140 (OoR)	(i) The EC was informed that the OoR is still awaiting the revised application from the applicant.	OoR
5.6	Pioneer's Proposal on the regulation of the seed production process maintainer lines (DAFF)	(i) The EC was reminded about a meeting that Pioneer had with the EC on 19 September 2011 to discuss the Seed Production Technology (SPT) aimed at facilitating hybrid maize seed production. One of the issues discussed was how the transgenic SPT maintainer would be approached in the regulatory framework.	EC

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6.	<p>APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR) TIME EXTENSIONS, AMENDMENTS TO (EXISTING) PERMITS, IMPORT AND EXPORTS</p> <p>General release</p> <p>Commodity clearance</p> <p>New applications.</p> <p>Extension of trial release, contained use (and import and/or export)</p> <p>Contained use (and import and/or export)</p>	<p>(ii) The EC suggested that the proposal be referred to the AC for scientific input. The AC recommended that the application would have to be submitted as a field trial application to be considered for a multi-year trial release approval for multiple trial sites, subject to submission of annual reports and notifying the OoR which sites would be used for a particular planting season.</p> <p>(iii) The EC agreed with the AC's recommendation.</p>	
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6.1	Pioneer- 11/536: Import & contained use of Maize (PHP36676)	(i) The EC approved the Pioneer-11/536: Import and contained use of maize (PHP36676).	EC
6.2	Pioneer - 11/538: Import & Contained Use of Maize (PHP36682)	(i) The EC approved the Pioneer-11/538: Import and contained use of maize (PHP36682).	EC
	<u>Trial release and import and/or export</u>		
6.3	Triclinium - 12/058: Import & Trial Release of MVA85A TB Vaccine	(i) The EC approved the Triclinium - 12/058: Import & Trial Release of MVA85A TB Vaccine subject to MCC approval.	EC
6.4	Pioneer - 11/527: Import & Trial Release of Maize (PHP37048)	(i) The EC approved the Pioneer - 11/527: Import & Trial Release of Maize (PHP37048).	EC
6.5	Pioneer-11/535: Import & Trial Release of Maize (PHP36676)	(i) The EC approved the Pioneer-11/535: Import & Trial Release of Maize (PHP36676).	EC
6.6	Pioneer - 11/537: Import & Trial Release of Maize	(i) The EC approved the Pioneer - 11/537: Import & Trial Release of Maize (PHP36682).	EC

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	(PHP36682) <u>General release</u>		
6.7	Pioneer-1/1/555: General Release of Maize TC1507	(i) The EC noted the application from Pioneer and requested further information from the applicant.	EC
6.8	Pioneer-1/1/556 General Release of Maize TC1507 X MON810 <u>Commodity clearance</u>	(i) The EC reserved a decision pending the submission of an application containing information on TC1507 x MON810 maize event.	EC
6.9	BASF-1/1/001: Commodity clearance of Soybean (CV127)	(i) The EC approved the BASF-1/1/001: Commodity clearance of Soybean (CV127).	EC
6.10	Dow Agro12/002 Commodity Clearance DAS-40278-9 maize	(i) The EC approved the Dow Agro12/002 Commodity Clearance DAS-40278-9.	EC
7.	Applications reviewed and approved by EC in March (for noting only)		
	<u>Contained use (and import and/or export)</u>		
7.1	Deltamune 11/001 Import and Contained use (cattle)	(i) The EC approved the Deltamune 11/001 Import and Contained use (cattle virus vaccine) subject to Act 36 approval.	EC

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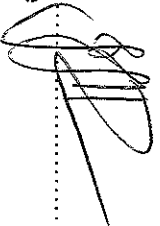
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	virus vaccine)		
	<u>Trial release and import and/or export</u>		
7.2	Triclinium - 11/053: Import & Trial Release of AERAS 402 Vaccine <u>General release</u>	(1) The EC approved the Triclinium - 11/053: Import & Trial Release of AERAS 402 Vaccine subject to MCC approval.	EC
7.3	Merial SA-11/002: General Release of Vaccine against horse diseases <u>Commodity clearance</u>	(1) The EC approved the Merial SA-11/002: General Release of Vaccine against horse diseases subject to Act 36 approval.	EC
7.4	DowAgro/Monsanto 11/002: Commodity Clearance of MON89034 x 1507 x NK603	(1) The EC approved the DowAgro/Monsanto 11/002: Commodity Clearance of MON89034 x 1507 x NK603.	EC
8.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	(1) There was no discussion.	EC

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8.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	(i) The EC was informed that in preparation for COP-MOP/6 meeting at Hyderabad, India, October 1-5, 2012; DEA is drafting letters to the DG's of the respective department, requesting participation of the EC members and the letter will also highlight the agenda items that each department would be responsible for.	DEA
8.3	Non-compliance	(i) None	DAFF
8.4	New plant breeding techniques State-of-the-art and prospects for commercial development by EC-JRC (DST)	(i) The EC was informed about the JRC scientific and technical report that includes information on the latest genetic modification techniques. The EC agreed that from a risk management point it is necessary to get a view of how these techniques will impact the regulatory framework and specifically the GMO Acts definition of GMO.	EC
9	Date of the next meeting	(i) The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 17 July 2012.	All
10	Closure	(i) The meeting was concluded at 11:35	

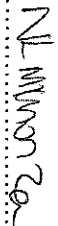
Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaffha

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Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza


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