

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON  
17 JULY 2012, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 406, PRETORIA**

PRESENT

Dr J Jafftha (Chairperson)  
Mr B Durham  
Ms W P Mandivenyi  
Mr A Pretorius

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)  
Department of Science and Technology (DST)  
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)  
Department of Health (DoH)

APOLOGIES

Prof G Bouwer  
Ms E Koekemoer  
Mr M D Matlala

Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997  
Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)  
Department of Health (DoH)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms N L Mkhonza  
Ms R Ngoepe  
Ms K C Malakalaka  
Ms L Nkgadime

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (secretariat) (DAFF)  
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)  
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)  
Department of Science and Technology (DST)

| <b>NO.</b> | <b>SUBJECT</b>                                 | <b>RESOLUTION</b>  | <b>FOR ATTENTION</b> |
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| 1.         | <b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b>                     | The Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting.  | EC Chairperson       |
| 2.         | <b>ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES</b>       | The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature.                          | EC Chairperson       |
| 3.         | <b>ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b> | The agenda was adopted with the following additions:<br>7.8 EC representation<br>7.9 Announcements |                      |

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| 4.  | APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 15 MAY 2012 | The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 15 May 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 <b>informed</b> that the appeal board has made a decision on the ARC potato appeal. The DG's office will provide the Minister with the appeals board decision. Then the final decision will be made available to all parties directly involved with the appeal. | DAFF          |
| 5.2 | Commodities (Registrar) Permit conditions            | (i) The EC was <b>informed</b> 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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| 5.4 | Pioneer 17/3/1-Pioneer - 09/383:Commodity clearance of maize 98140 (OoR)   | (i) The EC was informed that the OoR is still awaiting the revised application from the applicant. The EC concluded that this matter be removed from the Agenda. | OoR           |
| 6.  | <b>APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR) TIME EXTENSIONS, AMENDMENTS TO (EXISTING) PERMITS, IMPORT AND EXPORTS</b> | None   |               |
|     | <u>Extension of trial release, contained use (and import and/or export)</u>  |  |               |
| 6.1 | Pioneer- 11/578: Import & Trial Release of Maize 32138 SPT Maintainer  | (i) The EC approved the Pioneer- 11/578: Import & Trial Release of Maize 32138 SPT Maintainer.   | EC            |
| 6.2 | ARC: IIC - 12/004: Import & Trial Release of Cassava TMS 60444   | (i) The EC approved the ARC: IIC - 12/004: Import & Trial Release of Cassava TMS 60444.  | EC            |
|     | General release  | None   |               |
|     | <u>Commodity clearance</u>   | None   |               |
|     | <b>New applications.</b>   |  |               |
|     | Contained use (and import  | None   |               |

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|      | <u>and/or export)</u>  |   |               |
|      | <u>Trial release and import and/or export</u>                                  |   |               |
| 6.3  | Syngenta - 12/117: Import & Trial Release of maize Bt11 X MIR162 X 1507 X GA21 | (i) The EC <b>approved</b> the Syngenta - 12/117: Import & Trial Release of maize Bt11 X MIR162 X 1507 X GA21   | EC            |
|      | <u>General release</u>   | None  |               |
|      | <u>Commodity clearance</u>   | None  |               |
| 7.1  | Regulatory and developments (All) policy                                       | (i) The EC was <b>informed</b> that the work on the draft Bioeconomy strategy is ongoing.   | DAFF          |
| 7.2. | Cartagena Protocol (DEA)   | (i) The EC was <b>reminded</b> about the service provider that was appointed by DEA to analyse the impact ratifying the supplementary protocol on liability and redress will have on South Africa. DEA has received and circulated the draft for EC's inputs. | DEA           |
| 7.3  | <b>Non-compliance</b>  | (i) The EC was <b>informed</b> about the study that the African Centre for Biosafety (ACB) is conducting on the use of roundup ready and the potential abuse thereof as a result of glyphosate tolerant GM. The ACB query was on the                          | DAFF          |

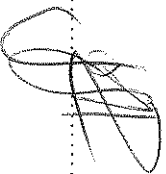
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|     |  | lack of maximum residue limit (MRL) for Soybean. The ACB was informed about the default MRL.  |               |
| 7.4 | Appointment of AC members (Registrar)  | (i) The EC was <b>informed</b> about the vacant position in the Advisory Committee (AC).  | EC            |
| 7.5 | Dates of the EC meetings for 2013 (Registrar)  | (i) The EC <b>noted</b> the dates of the EC meetings for 2013.  | OoR           |
| 7.8 | EC representation (DAFF)   | (i) The EC <b>noted</b> that letters requesting nomination of members for EC representation will be sent to DoH, the dti and DoL and Department of Arts and Culture.  | EC            |
| 7.9 | Announcements  |   |               |
|     | (a) The 12th International Symposium on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms (ISBGMO)<br>(b) Egypt joint research programme | (i) The EC was <b>informed</b> about the 12th International Symposium on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms (ISBGMO12) to be held in St Louis from 16 to 20 September 2012. The AC Chairperson and Ms Wadzi Mandivenyi will be participating.<br>(ii) The EC was <b>informed</b> about the request from Egypt for joint science research programme with South Africa and Egypt. The EC referred the matter to the DST. | DAFF<br>DST   |
| 8   | Date of the next meeting   | (i) The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 11 September 2012.   | All           |
| 9   | Closure  | (i) The meeting was concluded at 12:45.   | All           |

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

Signature



Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

Signature

