

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 18 MARCH 2014, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA**

**PRESENT**

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms W P Mandivenyi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Prof G Bouwer	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
Mr B Durham	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Mr B Dlamini	Department of Trade and Industry ( <b>the dti</b> )

**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 DT Nukeri	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Mr S Mokhothu	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms T Tshimomola	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms K Malakalaka	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

<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 AND APOLOGIES REGISTER</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: 7.5 Feedback of the meeting with the Portfolio Committee	All
4.	<b>APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 22 OCTOBER 2013</b>	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 22 October 2013 was approved with amendments.	All
5.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM</b>		

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	<b>THE PROCEEDINGS</b>		
5.1	Feedback on appeals lodged under the GMO Act (DAFF)	The EC was reminded that the potato appeal is still outstanding.	DAFF
6.	<b>APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR) TIME EXTENSIONS, AMENDMENTS TO (EXISTING) PERMITS, IMPORT AND EXPORTS</b>		
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	
	<b>New applications</b> Trial release and import and /or export		
6.2	Triclinium 13/075: Import and Clinical Trial Release of HIV NYVAC-HIV-PT1 & NYVAC-HIV-PT4	The EC approved the Triclinium's application for import and Clinical Trial Release of HIV NYVAC-HIV-PT1 & NYVAC-HIV-PT4 subject to MCC approval.	All
	Contained use and import and/or export	None	
6.3	Syngenta 13/127a: Contained use of Maize Bt11 x MIR162 x 1507 x GA21	The EC approved the Syngenta's application for Contained use of Maize Bt11 x MIR162 x 1507 x GA21.	
	General release		
	Commodity clearance		

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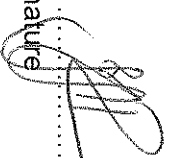
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6.6	Syngenta 11/113: Commodity clearance of Bt11x MIR162 x MIR604 x TC1507 x 5307 x GA21	The EC Approved Syngenta's application for commodity clearance of maize Bt11x MIR162 x MIR604 x TC1507 x 5307 x GA21.	All
6.7	Syngenta 11/114: Commodity clearance of Bt11x MIR604 x TC1507 x 5307 x GA21 maize	The EC approved Syngenta's application for commodity clearance of maize Bt11x MIR604 x TC1507 x 5307 x GA21.	All
6.8	Syngenta-11/115: Commodity Clearance of Bt11 x 15922 x MIR604 x TC1507 x GA21 maize	The EC approved the Syngenta's application for commodity Clearance of maize Bt11 x 15922 x MIR604 x TC1507 x GA21.	All
6.9	DowAgroSciences-12/008: Commodity clearance of DAS-68416-4 soybean	The EC decision on DowAgroSciences application for commodity clearance of soybean DAS-68416-4 is pending.	All
6.10	Monsanto-13/1378: Commodity clearance of MON89034 x MON88017 maize	The EC approved Monsanto's application for commodity clearance of maize MON89034 x MON88017.	All
<b>7.</b>	<b>General standing matters</b>		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	The EC was informed that the Bioeconomy strategy was launched in January 2014.	DST
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	The EC was reminded that the COP/MOP 7 will be held in Korea in September 2014	DEA
7.5	Feedback of the meeting with the Portfolio Committee	The EC was informed about the public hearing that was held by the Portfolio Committee (PC) on 26 February 2014. The public hearing was an outcome of the PC meeting held on 13 September 2013. DAFF, DST and DEA were invited to be part of	

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	Other	the meeting in order to respond to questions and provide clarifications during the deliberations. The Presentations were made by the African Centre for Biosafety Biosafety SA, Africabio, and the USDA.	
8.	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 20 May 2014.	All
9.	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 12H40.	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaffha

Signature 

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

Signature 