

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 22 MARCH 2016, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 236, PRETORIA

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)
 Ms N Netnou Nkoana
 Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu
 Ms N Tshidada
 Ms T Ndukwana
 Mr M Matlala
 Mr B Durham
 Prof G Bouwer

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
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 Department of Science and Technology (DST)
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**)
 Department of Water & Sanitation (DWA)
 Department of Science and Technology (DST)
 Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997

APOLOGIES

Ms W P Mandivenyi

Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
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 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
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| 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. | All |

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| 4. | APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 03 November 2015 | The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 03 November 2015 was approved with amendments. | All |
| 5. | MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS | | |
| 5.1 | Feedback on Appeals Lodged under the GMO Act | (i) The EC was reminded that African Centre for Biodiversity is appealing against the approval of general release of draught tolerant maize MON87460 submitted by Monsanto. (ii) The EC was reminded that Syngenta has appealed the EC's decision on the commodity clearance of maize 3272xBt11xMIR604xGA21. | DAFF |
| 6. | APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR) | | Registrar |
| | Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports | NONE | |
| | New applications Trial release and import and /or export | NONE | |
| | New applications Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and /or export | NONE | |
| | New applications Commodity Clearance | | |
| 6.1 | Syngenta-15/154: Commodity Clearance of | The EC's decision on the Syngenta-15/154: Commodity Clearance of Maize events 3272xBt11xMIR604xTC1507x5307xGA21 is pending. | |

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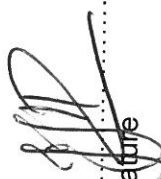
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| | Maize events 3272xBt11xMIR604xTC150 7x5307xGA21 | | |
| 6.2 | Syngenta-15/155: Commodity Clearance of Maize event MZHG0JG | The EC approved the Syngenta-15/155: Commodity Clearance of Maize event MZHG0JG. | |
| 6.3 | Pioneer-15/1014 Commodity Clearance of Canola event DP73496 | The EC approved the Pioneer-15/1014 Commodity Clearance of Canola event DP73496. | |
| 6.4 | Monsanto15/1636: Commodity Clearance of Maize NK603 x T25 | The EC approved the Monsanto15/1636: Commodity Clearance of Maize NK603 x T25. | |
| 6.5 | Bayer – 15/060: Commodity Clearance of Soybean event FG72 | The EC's decision on the Bayer – 15/060: Commodity Clearance of Soybean event FG72 is pending. | |
| 7. | New applications General Release General | NONE | |
| 7.1 | Standing matters Regulatory and policy developments (All) | (a) Discontinuation of products by Monsanto (i) The EC noted that Monsanto is starting a process to discontinue the sales of maize MON810, MON810xNK603, Cotton MON531, MON1445 and MON531xMON1445. MON1445 has not been sold since December 2009 and no sales or commercial planting. The EC noted that the thirteenth meeting of the conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and COP-MO 8 will be held in a two week period from 4 to 17 December 2016, in Los Cabos, Mexico. | All |
| 7.2 | Cartagena Protocol (DEA) | NONE | DAFF |
| 7.3 | Non-compliance | NONE | DAFF |

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| | Other | | |
| 8. | Date of the next meeting | The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 24 May 2016. | All |
| 9. | Closure | The meeting was concluded at 12:30 | All |

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

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 Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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 Signature