

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 24 MARCH 2015, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA**

**PRESENT**

Dr J Jaftha (Chairperson) Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)  
 Ms W P Mandivenyi Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)  
 Ms U Speirs Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)  
 Prof G Bouwer Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997

**APOLOGIES**

Mr B Durham Department of Science and Technology (DST)  
 Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu Department of Science and Technology (DST)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms N L Mkhonza Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)  
 Mr S Mokhothu Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)  
 Mr T Bambo Department of Science and Technology (DST)  
 Ms N Tshidada Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)  
 Ms T Mogapi Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)  
 Mr T Kone Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

<b>NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>FOR ATTENTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>OPENING WELCOME</b>	AND The Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting.	EC Chairperson
<b>2.</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE REGISTER APOLOGIES</b>	AND The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature.	EC Chairperson

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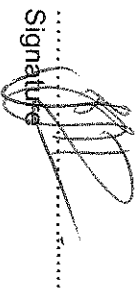
NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with additions:	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 27 JANUARY 2015	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 27 January 2015 was approved with amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Feedback on appeals lodged under the GMO Act (DAFF)	The EC was informed that the Minister has decided to uphold the EC's decision on the ARC potato appeal and a letter informing the appellant on the Minister's decision was sent.	DAFF
5.6	Review of policy on time extension of current permits (All)	(i) The EC was noted that comments on the draft document were received from stakeholders and all comments have been incorporated in the document. (ii) The EC approved the guideline document on time extension of current permits.	All
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	
	New applications	None	
	Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and/or export		

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	New applications Commodity Clearance		
	New applications General Release	None	
7.	General		All
	Standing matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	None	EC
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	(i) The EC was informed that the SA nominations for the socio-economic for the online discussion were submitted to the secretariat.  (ii) The EC was informed that for the 2015 National report workshop, various stakeholders will be requested to share their perspective and DEA will circulate a draft agenda for consideration by the EC.	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance	None	DAFF
	Other		
9	Date of the next meeting	The date for: the next meeting is scheduled for 26 May 2015.	All
10	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 13:05 PM.	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

Signature 

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

Signature 