

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 24  
MAY 2016, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 236, PRETORIA**

**PRESENT**

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)  
 Ms N Tshidada  
 Ms T Ndukwana  
 Mr M Matlala  
 Mr B Durham  
 Prof G Bouwer  
 Ms J Mhlophe

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)  
 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  
 Department of Labour (DoL)

**APOLOGIES**

Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu  
 Ms W P Mandivenyi  
 Ms N Netnou Nkoana  
 Mr D Matlala

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)  
 Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)  
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)  
 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 REGISTER AND APOLOGIES</b>	The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature.	EC Chairperson
3.	<b>ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE</b>	The agenda was adopted.	All

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	<b>AGENDA</b>		
4.	<b>APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 22 MARCH 2016</b>	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 22 March 2016 was approved with no amendments.	All
5.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS</b>		
5.1	Feedback on Appeals Lodged under the GMO Act	(i) The EC was reminded that the African Centre for Biodiversity is appealing against the approval of general release of drought tolerant maize MON87460 submitted by Monsanto. (ii) The EC was reminded that Syngenta has appealed the EC's decision on commodity clearance of maize 3272xBt11xMIR604xGA21.	DAFF
6.	<b>APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)</b>		Registrar
	<b>Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports</b>	NONE	
	<b>New applications</b> Trial release and import and /or export	NONE	
	<b>New applications</b> Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and /or export	NONE	
	<b>New applications</b> Commodity Clearance		
6.1	DOW - 15/023: Commodity	The EC's decision on DOW - 15/023: Commodity Clearance of Cotton DAS81910-7 is	

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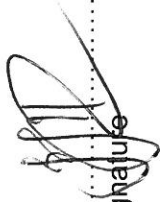
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	Clearance of Cotton DAS81910-7	pending.	
6.2	Pioneer - 15/1030: Commodity Clearance of Maize DP4114	The EC approved the Pioneer - 15/1030: Commodity Clearance of Maize DP4114.	
	<b>New applications</b> General Release	NONE	
	CEVA – 16/005: General Release of Poultry Vaccine (Vectormune HVT LT)	The EC approved the CEVA – 16/005: General Release of Poultry Vaccine (Vectormune HVT LT) subject to approval by Act 36 of 1947.	
	CEVA – 16/006: General Release of Poultry Vaccine (Vectormune ND)	The EC approved the CEVA – 16/006: General Release of Poultry Vaccine (Vectormune ND) subject to approval by Act 36 of 1947.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>General</b>		All
	<b>Standing matters</b>		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	The EC was informed that DEA attended the twentieth meeting of SBSSTA held in Montreal, Canada, from 25 to 30 April 2016. The DEA reported that the meeting adopted the synthetic biology definition as recommended by AHTEG and the matter will be referred back to COP 13.	DEA
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	The EC was informed that the information in response to the CBD notification on contained use was submitted by the CBD focal point.	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance Other	NONE	DAFF
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting</b>	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 26 July 2016.	All

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9.	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 11:30	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

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 Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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 Signature