

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 26 JULY 2016, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 236, PRETORIA**

**PRESENT**

Dr J Jaftha (Chairperson)	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms N Tshidada	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms T Ndukwana	Department of Trade and Industry ( <b>the dti</b> )
Mr B Durham	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Prof G Bouwer	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
Ms J Mhlophe	Department of Labour (DoL)
Dr A Sigobodhla	Department of Health (DoH)
Ms P Campbell	Department of Health (DoH)
Ms N Netnou Nkoana	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu	Department of Science and Technology (DST)

**APOLOGIES**

Ms W P Mandivenyi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Mr M Matlala	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms R Ngoepe	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms N L Mkhonza	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms T Mogapi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms T Kone	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms A Madzivhandila	Department of Health (DoH)

<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

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NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted.	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 24 MAY 2016	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 24 May 2016 was approved with amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Feedback on Appeals Lodged under the GMO Act	<p>(i) The EC was informed that the Minister has made a final decision on the appeal lodged by Syngenta on commodity clearance of maize 3272xBt11xMIR604xGA21. The Minister has upheld the appeal board's decision and the matter is referred back to the EC for reconsideration.</p> <p>(ii) The EC noted the Minister's final decision on the appeal and agreed that the application will be reconsidered in the September EC meeting.</p> <p>(iii) 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. The appeal is still in process and the appeal board will submit the final report.</p>	DAFF
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
6.1	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	Monsanto Trial release extensions-1679: Import and Trial release	

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	Trial release extensions of MON87460 x MON89034 maize	extensions of MON87460 x MON89034 maize subject to submission of additional information.	
6.2	Monsanto trial extensions 1680: Import and Trial release extensions of MON87460 x MON810	The EC approved the Monsanto trial extensions 1680: Import and Trial release extensions of MON87460 x MON810 subject to submission of additional information.	
6.3	Monsanto trial extensions 1681: Import and Trial release extensions of MON87460 x MON89034 x NK603	The EC approved the Monsanto trial extensions 1681: Import and Trial release extensions of MON87460 x MON89034 x NK603 subject to submission of additional information.	
	<b>New applications</b> Trial release and import and /or export		
6.4	Triclinium- 16/082: Trial release of ALVAC HIV (vCP2438) vaccine	The EC approved Triclinium- 16/082: Trial release of ALVAC HIV (vCP2438) vaccine subject to approval by the Medicines and Related Substances Act of 1965 (Act 101 of 1965).	
	<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	NONE	
	<b>New applications</b> General Release	NONE	

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7.	General		All
	Standing matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)	The EC was informed that GMASSURE an EU-DST funded project focuses on public training on GM issues in the SADC region. GMASSURE had a workshop addressing Cultural and Religious Issues; various Religious leaders, Traditional healers and leaders were present. The DST participated in this workshop.	DST
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	(i) The DST informed EC that they are planning to organize a side event at the upcoming COP-MOP-8 to be held in Mexico from 04-17 December 2016.  (ii) The EC was informed that DEA has requested departments to nominate officials to attend COP-MOP-8. Responses were received; however some departments are still outstanding. The EC members were encouraged to follow-up on the matter within their departments.  (iii) The DEA also indicated that a Ministerial meeting will be held prior to COP-MOP-8 and the Minister of Environmental Affairs has invited the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.	DST   DEA
7.3	Non-compliance	NONE	DAFF
	Other		
8	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 13 September 2016.	All
9	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 13:54	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

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Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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Signature