

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2015, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA

PRESENT

Dr J Jafftha (Chairperson)
 Ms W P Mandivenyi
 Ms U Speirs
 Prof G Bouwer

APOLOGIES
 Mr B Durham

Department of Science and Technology (DST)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms N L Mkhonza
 Mr S Mokhothu
 Ms N Nethou-Nikoana
 Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu
 Mr T Bambo
 Ms N Tshidada

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 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
1.	OPENING 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

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3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with the following amendments and additions: 8.1 Lesotho proposal for biosafety collaboration with South Africa 8.2 Zimbabwe biosafety workshop	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 18 NOVEMBER 2014	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 was approved with amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Feedback on appeals lodged under the GMO Act (DAFF)	(i) The EC was reminded that the potato appeal is still outstanding. (ii) The EC was reminded that Syngenta is appealing the EC's decision on the commodity clearance application of maize 3272 x BT11 x MIR604 x GA21.	DAFF
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	
	New applications		
	Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and/or export		
6.1	Bayer 14.056: Import and Trial Release of GLXLL cotton	The EC approved Bayer's application for import and trial release of GLXLL cotton subject to submission of additional information.	

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	New applications Commodity Clearance	None	
	New applications General Release	None	
6.2	Monsanto 14/1474: General release of MON87460 maize	The EC approved Monsanto's application for General release of MON87460 maize subject to submission of additional information.	
6.3	Syngenta's request on non-target study for general release of maize BT11 x GA21 (DAFF)	The EC noted Syngenta's request not to conduct the non-target organism (NTO) study for the BT11 and BT11 x GA21 maize general release; and agreed that the applicant further engages with DEA and SANBI.	All
6.4	Pioneer general release permit conditions TC1507 x MON810 x NK603 and the TC1507 x MON810 (DAFF)	(i) The EC was noted Dupont Pioneer's a proposal regarding conditions 8 of the general release permits for maize events: TC1507 x MON810 x NK603 and the TC1507 x MON810. (ii) The EC considered Dupont Pioneer's request and decided that permit condition 8 will be retained.	
7.	General		All
	Standing matters		

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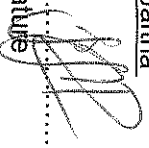
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7.1	Regulatory and policy developments (All)		EC
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	<p>(i) The EC was informed that a notification from the Secretariat in relation to decision BSVII/13 was received. The Secretariat requested: (a) views on the "Elements of the Framework for Conceptual Clarity on Socio-economic Consideration." Deadline: 13 March '15 and (b) nominations for the online discussion [in line with par 5(b) of decision], we need to nominate a representative. Deadline: 27 February '15.</p> <p>(ii) The EC was informed that a notification from the Secretariat in relation to decision BS-VIII/10 was received. The Secretary requests: (a) information on actual cases of unintentional transboundary movement and case studies related to their existing mechanisms for emergency measures in case of unintentional transboundary movements of living modified organisms that are likely to have significant adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, including information on existing rapid alert mechanisms and monitoring systems; and (b) views on what constitutes unintentional transboundary movements in contrast with illegal transboundary movements and what type of information should be exchanged through the Biosafety Clearing-House. Deadline: 31 August '15.</p> <p>The EC was informed that there's a new format for a National report and the third report is due on 31 October 2015.</p>	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance	None	DAFF
	Other		

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11	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 24 March 2015.	All
12	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 13:38 PM.	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

Signature 

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

Signature 