

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 29
SEPTEMBER 2015, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA

PRESENT

Dr J Jaftha (Chairperson)
 Ms N Netnou Nkoana
 Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu
 Ms N Tshidada
 Ms T Ndukwana
 Mr M Matlala
 Ms J Mhlophe

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 Labour (DoL)

APOLOGIES

Mr B Durham
 Ms W P Mandivenyi
 Ms U Speirs
 Prof G Bouwer

Department of Science and Technology (DST)
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**)
 Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997

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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NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
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

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3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted.	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 28 July 2015	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 28 July 2015 was approved with no amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Feedback on Appeals Lodged under the GMO Act	(i) 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. (ii) The EC was informed that African Centre for Biodiversity is appealing against the approval of general release of draught tolerant maize MON87460 submitted by Monsanto.	DAFF
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports		
6.1	Bayer – 15/058: Import and Trial Release of Cotton GLTC	The EC approved the Bayer – 15/058: Import and Trial Release of Cotton GLTC.	
6.2	Monsanto 15/1576: Import and Trial Release of Maize MON810 x MON89034	The EC approved the Monsanto 15/1576: Import and Trial Release of Maize MON810 x MON89034.	

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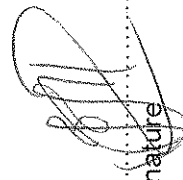
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6.3	Monsanto 15/1577: Import and Trial Release of Maize MON810 x MON89034 x NK603	The EC approved the Monsanto 15/1577: Import and Trial Release of Maize MON810 x MON89034 x NK603.	
6.4	Monsanto 15/1578: Import and Trial Release of Maize MON89034 x MON88017	The EC approved the Monsanto 15/1578: Import and Trial Release of Maize MON89034 x MON88017.	
6.5	Monsanto 15/1579: Import and Trial Release of Maize MON87460 x MON89034 x MON88017	The EC approved the Monsanto 15/1579: Import and Trial Release of Maize MON87460 x MON89034 x MON88017	
	New applications Trial release and import and /or export	NONE	
	Contained use and import and/or export Trial release and import and /or export	NONE	
	Commodity Clearance		
6.6	Monsanto – 15/1560: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87460 x NK603	The EC's decision on the Monsanto – 15/1560: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87460 x NK603 is pending.	
6.7	Monsanto – 15/1561: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87460 x MON89034 x NK603	The EC approved the Monsanto – 15/1561: Commodity Clearance of Maize MON87460 x MON89034 x NK603.	
	New applications General Release	NONE	
7.	General		All

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7.1	Standing matters Regulatory and policy developments (All)	(a) EU notification (i) The EC was reminded that the EU was proposing regulations to allow their member states to restrict the use of GM food and feed on their territory. (ii) The EC was informed that SA's comments were submitted by the dti and the comments focused on technical barrier to trade.	DAFF
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	(i) The EC was informed that DEA submitted a request to their Minister to approve the third National report. The submission was not approved and the DEA Minister decided to take the third national report to Cabinet. DEA will forward the report and briefing document to the Council members for comments. (ii) The EC was informed that DEA resubmitted the report for the supplementary protocol on liability and redress through DAFF's DG's office. DAFF received the documents end September and will discuss in October 2015.	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance Other	NONE	DAFF
8.	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 03 November 2015.	All
9.	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 11:00	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha


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Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza


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Signature