PRESENT

Dr SR Moephuli	Department of Agriculture (Chairperson)	
Ms L Sello	Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism	
Prof. MM Sibara	Advisory Committee Chairperson	
Ms E Koekemoer	Department of Trade and Industry	$\langle \langle \rangle \rangle$
Mrs M Vosges	Registrar (Department of Agriculture)	\mathcal{A} \mathcal{A}

ABSENT

With apologies:

Mr L Motshelanoka (Department of Labour) Mr B Durham (Department of Science and Technology)

IN ATTENDANCE

Department of Agriculture
Department of Health
Department of Science & Technology
Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
Department of Agriculture (Senior Manager: Genetic Resources Management)

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NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	ACTION
1.	Opening and Welcome	Dr Moephuli welcomed everyone present in the meeting and mentioned that he	
		will no longer be the member of the EC in the next two months due to	
		restructuring within the DoA.	
2.	Attendance register	Register was circulated to everyone present for signatures.	
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3.	Adoption of the agenda	The Agenda was adopted with the following additions:-	
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		5.1 Proposed dates for Council meetings	
		5.2 Feedback from COP MOP-3	
		5.3 Update on GMO Amendment Bill	

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		6.1 Update on Bt10 maize	
4.	Applications to be considered by EC		
	 4.1 Monsanto – 05/230 Field Trials with maize events MON 89034; MON 89597; MON 89034 X NK603 4.2 SA Bioproducts – 	 4.1.1 <u>EC Decision</u> Application approved, subject to approval by DoL. Registrar authorised to issue the permit. Registrar to facilitate completion of a scoping report during the 1st inspection. DEAT to provide guidelines with regard to the completion of the scoping report. 4.2.1 EC Decision 	DoL Registrar DEAT
	05/008: Contained use authorization for commercial production of L- Serine	The application approved, subject to approval by DoL. Registrar authorised to issue the permit.	DoL Registrar
	4.3 SA Bioproducts – 5/009: Contained use authorization for commercial production of L – Valine.	4.3.1 <u>EC Decision</u> The application approved, subject to approval by DoL. Registrar authorised to issue the permit.	DoL Registrar
5.	New matters:		
	5.1 Proposed dates for EC	 5.1.1 The Registrar proposed the following dates for meetings of the Council in 2006: 25 May 2006 15 June 2006 	

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		 17 August 2006 11 September 2006 01 November 2006 	
		5.1.2 Council members were requested to indicate their availability to the Registrar by 21 April 2006.	All members
	5.2 Feedback from COP- MOP-3	5.2.1 The Registrar gave a brief feedback on the developments regarding Article 18(2)(a) at COP-MOP-3 and the final decision on this Article. It is important to note that the MOP agreed that bilateral agreements would not be subject to the provisions of Article 18(2)(a).	All members
		5.2.2 It was noted that the SA did not have any diplomatic problems with the African group. Due to the diverse viewpoints of Brazil and Mexico, the like-minded group decided to separate for the proceedings of MOP-3 and only reconvene for discussions around COP8	
		5.2.3 SA was approached by Burkino Faso for assistance in the development of their biosafety regulatory framework.	Registrar
		5.2.4 An official report by DEAT will be tabled in the next meeting of the Council.	DEAT
	5.3 Update on GMO Amendment Bill	5.3.1 The GMO Amendment Bill has been approved by the Portfolio Committee of Agriculture and will now be tabled in National Assembly.	DoA
6.	General		

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	6.1 Feedback on potential presence of BT10 in SA	6.1.1 The samples tested for the presence of BT10 was negative. This is in line with the initial assessment of the Council that there was no Bt10 maize in SA. The AC will however continue with its assessment of the Bt10 data. A press release in this matter was done on 9 March 2006.	
7.	Closure	The meeting closed @ 9:40	

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