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GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS ACT- REVISED PROCEDURES
11 July 2005

Dear stakeholders

RE: DUE DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Based on the discussions and direction of the Executive Council in the meeting of 21 June 2005, the following procedure will apply, with immediate effect –

All extension permit applications for which public notifications are required (i.e. trial release), will only be forwarded to the Executive Council for consideration in a meeting of the Council if the closing date for comments on the public notification have expired at least 5 weeks prior to the date of the targeted Council meeting.

All extension permit applications must be submitted to the Registrar's office at least 5 weeks prior to the targeted Council meeting.

An extension permit application is only complete if the following is contained in the application:

- (1) Cover letter explaining why an extension is required
- (2) CBI application (including risk assessment)
- (3) Non-CBI version of the application (including all annexures)
- (4) Electronic version of the risk assessment
- (5) Clear maps with description of each map
- (6) Required fee
- (7) Complete trial report of the previous authorised activity and containing information on the objectives of the trial, data acquired and compliance with each permit condition.
- (8) Paper clippings of public notifications
- (9) Closing date of public notification having expired.

Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

Signed (Mrs M Vosges on 11/07/05)

Mrs M Vosges

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