

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 09 JULY 2024,

MICROSOFT TEAMS

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APOLOGIES

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NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	The EC Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting.	EC Chairperson
2.	ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES	The OoR noted the attendance since this was a virtual meeting.	EC Chairperson
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with no additions.	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 05 MARCH 2024	The record of proceedings of 05 March 2024 was approved with no amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Update: Draft questions for legal opinion – NBTs (EC Chairperson)	(i) The EC Chairperson reminded the EC that on 05 July 2024 draft questions for requesting a legal opinion were circulated to EC for further comments.	EC Chairperson

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		(ii) The EC Chairperson informed the EC that comments were only received from two EC members. (iii) The EC deliberated and indicated that more time is required to reflect on the draft questions. The EC requested a separate session to discuss the draft questions. (iv) The EC concluded that a two-hour session will be arranged with EC, preferable before end of July 2024 to discuss the draft questions. The OoR will circulate proposed dates for the session to EC.	EC EC OoR/EC
5.2	Feedback: Permit holders' response - access to reference material (EC Chairperson)	(i) The EC Chairperson reminded the EC that UFS' response regarding its previous arrangement in obtaining validated methods and reference material for other approved GM events was considered at the March 2024 EC meeting. The EC had tasked the EC Chairperson to request the permit holders: (a) To clarify the process followed in EU, in particular whether the confidential information as indicated by UFS is indeed publicly available. (b) To indicate whether the requested information can be provided by them to the GMO testing facility as well as the process that must be followed by the GMO testing facility in obtaining such information from them. (ii) The EC Chairperson informed the EC that the permit holders responded and indicated that UFS can request the relevant information directly from them. (iii) The EC noted the feedback and that UFS will be informed that they must engage the respective permit holders in requesting access to validate methods and reference material. (iv) The OoR will communicate EC's decision to UFS.	EC EC OoR EC
5.3	Expertise/demographics/succession plan at AC (EC Chairperson)	(i) The EC Chairperson reminded the EC that at the March 2024 EC meeting, the EC had discussed the AC's expertise, demographics, and the need to develop a formal succession plan at AC and concluded that further discussion are required in this regard. (ii) The EC Chairperson requested the OoR to provide an update regarding the reappointment of the four AC members that the EC recommended for reappointment at the March 2024 EC meeting. The OoR indicated that the Ministerial submission for reappointment of the AC members was approved, and reappointment letters were submitted to the members in May 2024. (iii) The EC deliberated and concluded that: • The development of a capacity building plan for the subcommittee	EC

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		that is also aligned to other areas such as target 17 of the Cartagena Protocol.will be ongoing work for the EC. The agenda item should remain in the EC agenda.	EC
6.	Compliance/Non-compliance	a. <u>Inspections</u> The OoR informed the EC that no inspection reports were received in June 2024. b. <u>Annual Reports</u> (i) The OoR informed the EC that eight annual reports for general releases and trial release were received and assessed. A summary of the annual report assessment was circulated to the EC.	OoR EC
7.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
7.1	General release Bioceres-24/004: General release of HB4 (IND-ØØ41Ø-5) soybean	The EC's decision for Bioceres-24/004: General release application of HB4 (IND-ØØ41Ø-5) soybean is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
7.2	Intervet-24/006: General release of Innovax ILT-IBD poultry vaccine	The EC approved Intervet-24/006: General release application of Innovax ILT-IBD poultry vaccine subject to approval by the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act 36 of 1947.	EC
	Trial release and import and /or export		
7.3	IAVI-24/006: Import & Trial release of MTBVAC vaccine	The EC approved IAVI-24/006: Import & Trial release application of MTBVAC vaccine subject to approval by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA).	EC
7.4	Medpace-24/001: Import & Trial release of CSL222 somatic gene therapy	The EC approved Medpace-24/001: Import & Trial release application of CSL222 somatic gene therapy subject to approval by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA).	EC
7.5	SCT Consulting CC-24/001: Import & Trial release of CD19t-haNK (CAR construct)	The EC approved SCT Consulting CC-24/001: Import & Trial release application of CD19t-haNK (CAR construct) subject to approval by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA).	EC
7.6	Syngenta-24/244: 2x Import & 1x Trial release of Bt11 x MIR162 x	The EC's decision for Syngenta-24/244: 2x Import & 1x Trial release application of Bt11 x MIR162 x NK603 maize is pending submission of additional information	EC

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	NK603 maize	by the applicant.	
7.7	Syngenta-24/245: 2x Import & 1x Trial release of Bt11 x MIR162 x MON89034 x NK603 maize	The EC's decision for Syngenta-24/245: 2x Import & 1x Trial release application of Bt11 x MIR162 x MON89034 x NK603 maize is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
	Commodity clearance	None	
	Contained use and import and/or export	None	
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	
8.	APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY EC DURING THE INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD BETWEEN MARCH AND JUNE 2024		
	Commodity clearance		
8.1	Applicants' responses: Bayer - 23/249: Commodity clearance of MON94313xMON89788 soybean	The EC's decision for Bayer - 23/249: Commodity clearance application of MON94313xMON89788 soybean is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
	Time extensions		
8.2	Applicants' responses: Bayer-24/260: Import and trial release extension of MON95379 maize	The EC approved Bayer 24/260: Import and trial release extension application of MON95379 maize.	EC
8.3	Bayer-24/261: Import and trial release extension of MON87751x MON87701 x MON87708x MON89788 soybean	The EC approved Bayer 24/261 Import and trial release extension application of MON87751x MON87701 x MON87708x MON89788 soybean.	EC
8.4	Applicants' responses: Bayer-24/262: Import and trial release extension of	The EC's decision for Bayer-24/262: Import and trial release extension application of MON87427 x MON89034 x MIR162 maize is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC

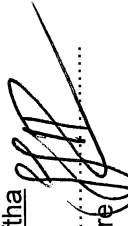
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	MON87427 x MON89034 x MIR162 maize		
8.5	Applicants' responses: Corteva-24/ 244: 3x Import and trial release extension of TC1507 x NK603 maize	The EC approved Corteva-24/ 244: 3x Import and trial release extension application of TC1507 x NK603 maize.	EC
	<u>Request for additional trial sites</u>		
8.6	Applicants' responses: Bayer request for additional trial sites Bayer - 20/118: Import and trial release for MON87427xMON89034xMIR162 maize (seed production)	The EC's decision for Bayer's request for an additional trial site (Bayer - 20/118: Import and trial release for MON87427xMON89034xMIR162 maize) is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
	<u>Trial release and import and/or export</u>		
8.7	Applicants' responses: Corteva - 24/237: Import & Trial Release of DP202216 maize	The EC's decision for Corteva - 24/237: Import & Trial Release application of DP202216 maize is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
8.8	Applicants' responses: Corteva - 24/238 Import and trial release of DP910521 maize	The EC's decision for Corteva - 24/238 Import and trial release application of DP910521 maize is pending submission of additional information by the applicant.	EC
	<u>Commodity clearance</u>		
8.9	Syngenta 24/242 Commodity clearance of Bt11 x MIR 162 x MZIR098 x DP4144 x NK603	The EC approved Syngenta 24/242 Commodity clearance application of Bt11 x MIR 162 x MZIR098 x DP4144 x NK603 maize.	EC
9	<u>Standing matters</u>		
9.1	Regulatory and policy developments	(i) The DFFE informed the EC that:	DFFE

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	(All)	- the NEMBA Bill has been published for public comments and the due date for comments is 25 July 2024. - Information sharing workshops on the NEMBA Bill are scheduled for 15, 18 and 19 July 2024	EC
9.2	Cartagena Protocol (All)	(ii) The EC noted the update. (i) The DFFE gave a presentation on the outcomes of the SBSTTA 26 meeting and an update on the national targets for target 17 of the convened global biodiversity framework (ii) The EC noted the presentation and requested the DFFE to circulate the presentation.	DFFE
9.3	Appointment/reappointment of AC members (OoR) or year approval permit	None	
9.4	Acting Registrar (All)	None	
10.	General		
10.1	Import and trial release permit timeframe (AC Chairperson/OoR)	(i) The EC was reminded of the timeframe allocated for trial release permits and an amendment of the timeframe was suggested. (ii) The EC noted the suggestion and concluded that they will further discuss this item at the next EC meeting.	EC
10.2	Guideline for submission of time extension requests and time extension application form (AC Chairperson/OoR)	(i) The EC noted that the guideline document and extension application form might be due for a review and concluded that they will further discuss this item at the next EC meeting.	EC
10.3	Extension application for seed production (AC Chairperson/OoR)	(i) The EC noted the measures applicable to seed production activities and concluded that they will further discuss this item at the next EC	EC
11.	Date of the next meeting	The EC noted that the next EC meeting is scheduled for 10 September 2024.	All
12.	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 12:15am.	All

Approved by EC Chairperson
Dr J Jaffha

Signature 

Approved by Registrar
Ms NL Mkhonza

Signature 