

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 18
NOVEMBER 2014, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA**

PRESENT

Dr J Jaftha (Chairperson)
Ms W P Mandivenyi
Mr B Durham
Ms U Speirs
Prof G Bouwer

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

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms N L Mkhonza
Ms N Netnou-Nkoana
Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu
Mr T Bambo
Ms N Tshidada

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NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
1.	OPENING WELCOME AND	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
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND	The agenda was adopted with no additions.	All

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	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA		
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 16 SEPTEMBER 2014	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 16 September 2014 was approved without 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 informed 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	Triclinium 14/076: Import and Trial Release of TB vaccine (VPM 1002-ZA-2.13TB (Hyg+ and Hyg-))	The EC approved Triclinium's application for Import and Trial Release of TB vaccine (VPM 1002-ZA-2.13TB (Hyg+ and Hyg-))	
6.2	Triclinium 14/077: Import	The EC approved Triclinium's application for Import and Trial Release of f HIV vaccine	

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	and Trial Release of HIV vaccine (HVTN100. ALVAC-HIV (vcP2438)	(HVTN100. ALVAC-HIV (vcP2438)	
6.3	Monsanto 14/1484: Import and Trial Release of MON87460 x MON89034 maize	The EC approved Monsanto's application for Import and Trial Release of e of MON87460 x MON89034 maize.	
6.4	Monsanto 14/1486: Import and Trial Release of MON87460 x MON89034x NK603 maize	The EC approved Monsanto's application for Import and Trial Release of MON87460 x MON89034x NK603 maize.	
6.5	Bayer 14/055: Import and Trial Release of GlyTol x COT102 cotton	The EC approved Bayer's application for Import and Trial Release of GlyTol x COT102 cotton	
	New applications Commodity Clearance	None	
	New applications General Release	None	
7.	General		All
	Standing matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy		

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	developments (All)		
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	(i) The EC was informed that the Open-ended online Expert forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management is starting again and additional experts are needed to join the online forum. The deadline for the nomination of experts is 30 November 2014.	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance	None	DAFF
7.4	Feedback on ISBGMO	The EC was informed that the conference focus was largely on regulators and the sessions were structured to convey a particular message.	
	Other		
8.	Review of policy on time extension of current permits	(i) The EC was informed that the policy is being reviewed because the major issue is the regulatory burden caused by the submission of extension applications and also the lack of clarity on the number of times an extension should be granted for trials and contained use applications. The EC was informed that comments from stakeholders were received and are documented in section 5.4 of the draft policy. (ii) The EC mentioned that the title of the document is not appropriate since it is an operational document and its aim is to ensure compliance to the GMO Act. The EC suggested that the permits for trials and contained use can continue being valid for a year and extension permits can be issued by the Registrar upon receipt and analysis of annual reports. (iii) The EC concluded that the document should be changed from a policy to a guidance document. The EC will provide comments on the draft document on the due date to be provided by the OoR.	
10	Proposed dates of EC	The EC noted the meeting dates for 2015/2016.	All

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	meetings for 2015/2016		
11	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 27 January 2015.	All
12	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 13:00 PM.	All

Approved by Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

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Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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Signature