

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2018, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)
 Dr A Sigobodhla
 Dr N Netnou Nkoana
 Ms T Ndukwana
 Ms W Mandivenyi

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Department of Health (DoH)
 Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**)
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)

APOLOGIES

Ms N Tshidada
 Mr B Durham (Deputy Chairperson)
 Ms P Campbell
 Mr M Matlala
 Prof G Bouwer
 Ms J Mhlophe
 Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu

Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Department of Science and Technology (DST)
 Department of Health (DoH)
 Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
 Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997
 Department of Labour (DoL)
 Department of Science and Technology (DST)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Mokhothu
 Ms R Ngoepe
 Ms T Mogapi
 Ms A Madzivhandila
 Ms N L Mkhonza

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
 Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
 Department of Health (DoH)
 Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)

NO.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	The Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting. The members were informed that the meeting did not form a quorum as a result no decisions can be made in this meeting.	EC Chairperson
2.	ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES	The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature and apologies were noted.	EC Chairperson

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3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with the following additions: 7.1a Feedback on South African Human Rights Commission seminar.	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 21 NOVEMBER 2017	The record of proceedings of the meeting held on 21 November 2017 was checked for correctness and no amendments were made. The proceedings will be approved in the next meeting.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Draft guideline for annual reports	The EC noted that the OoR has circulated the draft guideline for annual reports and comments from other members are still outstanding.	EC/OoR
5.2	Monsanto -17/1724: General Release of Maize MON87460xMON89034xNK603	The EC noted that some EC members have not yet provided their recommendation documents.	EC/OoR
5.2	Regional Engagement Strategy on Biosafety	The EC noted that DEA is planning on organising a half day workshop to develop the implementation plan for the strategy.	DEA
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports	None	
	New applications Trial release and import and /or export	None	
	New applications Contained use and import and/or export	None	
	New applications Commodity Clearance		
6.8	Syngenta 17/158: Commodity	The EC noted that the recommendation documents submitted by all EC	EC

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	Clearance of Maize Bt11 x MIR162 x MON89034	members will serve as an EC decision for this application.	
	New applications General Release	None	
	New applications Trial release and import and /or export	None	
7.	General		All
	Standing matters		
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments	A. South African Human Rights Commission The EC chairperson reminded the EC that the South Africa Human Rights Commission hosted a seminar on the use of GMOs in the production of agricultural foods and the human rights impact on 6 December 2017 at the SAHRC head office. The EC noted that a formal report will be requested from the SAHRC chairperson.	EC
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)	(i) The EC noted that the Supplementary Protocol on liability and redress will enter into force in March 2018. The EC Chairperson suggested that a trilateral between the DAFF, DEA and the dti must take place to discuss the way forward on the protocol. (ii) The EC noted that Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) and SBSTA meetings will take place in July 2018 and the EC is encouraged to participate in the meetings. (iii) The EC noted that the online forum on risk assessment started on 29 January 2018 and the EC is encouraged to participate in the forum. (iv) The EC noted that the Executive Secretary of the CBD is planning a visit to South Africa in July 2018. (v) The EC noted that the University of Free State is hosting a LMO detection workshop in June 2018. (vi) The EC Chairperson reminded the DEA to submit the inventory of all COP MOP decisions.	DEA
7.3	Non-compliance	None	DAFF

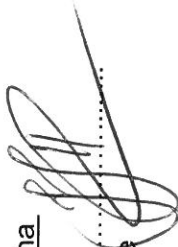
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9	Date of the next meeting	The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 27 March 2018.	All
10	Closure	The meeting was concluded at 10:30.	All

Approved by Deputy Chairperson

Dr J Jafftha

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Signature



Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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Signature

