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LEGAL NOTICE NO. 130 OF 2013

THE BIOSAFETY ACT, 2012
(Act No. 7 of 2012)

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NATIONAL BIOSAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Under Section 6)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Biosafety Act of 2012, the Minister for Tourism and Environmental Affairs issues this notice -

Citation and Commencement

1. (1) This notice may be cited as the Appointment of the National Biosafety Advisory Committee.

(2) This Notice shall be deemed to have come into force on the 22nd August 2013.

Establishment of the committee

2. There is established a Committee to be known as the National Biosafety Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee).

Composition of the Committee

3. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

(1) Ndumiso Ngozo - Biodiversity Specialist
(2) Nelson Mavuso - Crop Specialist
(3) Professor A. M. Dlamini - Animal Production specialist
(4) Enock Damini - Representative of Non Governmental Organizations
(5) Jabulane Tsabedze - Representative of Farmers
(6) Senelisiwe Ngqotheni - Legal Expert
(7) Phumzile Mdziniso - Food Safety Expert
(8) Nobuhle Matsebula - Trade Expert
(9) Similo Mavimbela - Crop Protection Specialist
Functions of the Committee

4. The Committee shall be responsible for -

(a) Conducting risk assessments;

(b) Reviewing risk assessments provided in applications or notifications

(c) Reviewing management measures

(d) Recommending containment measures, limitations on the duration of authorizations, reporting mechanisms, remedial measures, monitoring procedures and other appropriate and scientifically sound condition and risk management measures.

(e) Developing guidelines for the safe transport, confined trials and commercial release of GMOs and their products in line with accepted international standards;

(f) Developing standards for occupational safety for workers involved with development testing and release of GMOs and their products and processes.

(g) Developing guidelines for safe disposal of waste and left over planting material;

(h) Developing guidelines for commercial release and marketing of GMOs and products thereof; and

(i) Providing such other expert advice and assistance as the Competent Authority may request.

Frequency of Meetings

5. The Committee shall meet at such places and times as the chairman may determine.

Term of office

6. The Committee shall remain in office for a term not exceeding three years.

Sub-committee of the Committee

7. The Committee may establish sub-committees that may be necessary for the furtherance of the objectives of the Biosafety Act, and may appoint additional members to sub-committees as may be necessary.
Allowances

8. The Committee shall be entitled to such allowances and where applicable re-imbursement for travelling expenses in accordance with the prevailing Finance Circular.

Extension of term of employment

9. The Minister may by notice in the gazette extend the term of office of the Committee Members.

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