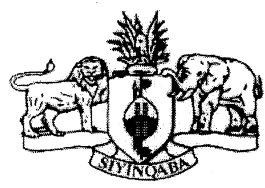


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**LEGAL NOTICE NO. 130 OF 2013****THE BIOSAFETY ACT, 2012  
(Act No. 7 of 2012)****THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NATIONAL BIOSAFETY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Under Section 6)**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:

- |                             |   |  |
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| (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) Phurnzile 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.

**M. S. D. DLAMINI**  
***MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS***