

GM Regulatory Milestones for South Africa

1979

SAGENE established – scientific advisory committee to oversee GMO Research and development

1992



1st field trial with GM crop (IR cotton)

1994



Member of Codex

1995



Member of World Trade Organisation



1st commercial GM cotton planted (IR)



1997

GMO Act signed into law

1997

1996



Field trials with locally developed GM sugarcane (HT)

1996

1st commercial GM crop planted (IR Maize)



1st commercial GM soya planted (HT)

2001

National Biotechnology Strategy

2001



Acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety



2003



Biosafety South Africa



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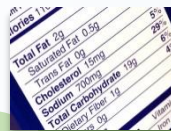
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2011

Department of Trade & Industry's consumer Protection Act labelling regulations



1st commercial stacked crop planted (IR-HT cotton)

2005



Department of Health's labelling regulations /National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act

2004



2013

National Bio-economy Strategy



2015



Public Understanding of Biotechnology (PUB) launched by DST

Release of ASSAf document on possible regulatory implications of New Breeding Technologies (NBTs)



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