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MINISTRY FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND ANIMAL RIGHTS

Explanatory Notes
((for the purposes of article 3(2)(c) of Chapter 512 of the Laws of Malta)

1. Introduction

Title of the Legal Notice	Minimum Standards for the Protection of Pigs (Amendment) Regulations, 2023, hereinafter referred to as "the regulations"
Activity to be regulated	Give the power to the Veterinary Services to carry out inspections
Responsible entity	The Animal Health and Welfare Department

2. Summary and Background

2.1 Aims & Objectives of the legislation

The objective of these regulations is to give the power to the Department of Veterinary Services to carry out inspections.

2.2 Public Consultation

No public consultation was needed.

3. Overview of the structure of the instrument

The regulations are made up of four (4) regulations and consist of the following:

1. Citation and commencement.

2. Amends regulation 1 of the principal regulations.

3. Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

4. Substitutes regulation 6 of the principal regulations.

4. Commentary on the regulations

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Regulation 3: Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations to provide the following new definitions: "competent authority" and "Director" and deletes the definition "Department".

Regulation 4: Substitutes regulation 6 of the principal regulations to give the power to the Department of Veterinary Services to carry out inspections.

5. Concluding Section

The publication of these regulations is required to update the national legislation with the current European Union Directives in force.

These regulations shall come into force within two (2) months from their publication in the Gazette.

N.B: These Explanatory Notes are not intended to be an exhaustive description of the legal instrument nor a substitute thereof or a legislative supplement to it. These Explanatory Notes do not purport to be an authoritative ruling on the interpretation of the legislation.

21st November, 2023

User Guidelines

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