No. 119

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	Zootechnical and Genealogical Conditions for the Breeding, Trade in and Entry into Malta of Purebred Breeding Animals, Hybrid Breeding Pigs and the Germinal Products thereof (Implementing) Rules, 2024 hereinafter referred to as "the rules"
Activity to be regulated	The breeding, trade in and entry into Malta of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof
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 implement the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of 8th June 2016 on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof and amending Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Council Directives 89/608/EEC and 90/425/EEC and repealing certain acts in the area of animal breeding ("Animal Breeding Regulation") and give power to the Director of Veterinary Services to take legal action upon anyone who infringes these rules.

2.2 Public Consultation

No public consultation was needed.

3. Overview of the structure of the instrument

The regulations are made up of six (6) regulations and consist of the following:

1. Citation, scope and commencement.

2. Interpretation.

3. Competent authority.

4. Certificates and forms.

5. Offences, punishments and administrative penalties.

6. Repeal and saving.

4. Commentary on the regulations

Regulation 2: Provides a list of definitions.

Regulation 3: Provides that the competent authority for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 shall be the Veterinary Services.

Regulation 4: Provides that the types different of forms that shall be used, are those found in Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 .

Regulation 5: Gives power to the Director of Veterinary Services to proceed in accordance with articles 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 of the Veterinary Services Act infringes any of the provisions of these rules or Regulation (EU) 2016/1012.

Regulation 6: Repeals all those regulations which are being rendered obsolete and substituted by these new rules.

5. Concluding Section

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.

26th January, 2024

User Guidelines

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