No. 1262

MINISTRY FOR LANDS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL PROGRAMME

Explanatory Notes[1]

1. Introduction

Title of Legal Notice	Government-Owned Agricultural Land (Amendment) Regulations, 2024
Activity to be regulated	The scope of these regulations is to establish the minimum agricultural land area to be sub-divided, and to introduce a notification procedure for the discharge of fireworks displays from Government-owned agricultural land
Responsible entity	Lands Authority (hereinafter "the Authority")

2. Summary and background

The objective of these regulations is to amend the Government-Owned Agricultural Land Regulations (S.L. 573.06), hereunder being referred as the "principal regulations", to establish the minimum agricultural land area to be sub-divided, and to introduce a notification procedure for the discharge of fireworks displays from Government-owned agricultural land.

No public consultation was required.

3. Overview of the structure of the instrument

The regulations are made up of four (4) regulations to amend the principal regulations as follows:

1. Regulation 1: Citation;
2. Regulation 2: Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations to include new definition;
3. Regulation 3: Amends regulation 11 of the principal regulations;
4. Regulation 4: Adds new regulation to the principal regulations.

4. Commentary

Regulation 2 introduces a new definition for "authorised societies" in order to include a reference to the Maltese Pyrotechnic Association or any other firework society and which are not members of the Maltese Pyrotechnic Association who hold all the necessary licences and permits in accordance with the Explosives Ordinance (Cap. 33).

Regulation 3 amends regulation 11 of the principal regulations which deals with division of Government-owned agricultural land or of buildings thereon. An additional condition was added to ascertain that any division or undivided share of any agricultural land leased in solidum is not less than the superficial area of 1,124m2, which is equivalent to one tumolo of agricultural land. Requests for any division of the agricultural land that results in an area less than 1,124m2 will not be accepted by the Authority.

Regulation 4 introduces a new regulation (regulation 12A) to the principal regulations in relation to Government-owned agricultural land required for the discharge of fireworks during local feasts. The regulation requires that the lessee is notified in writing by the Authority to leave the agriculture land vacant from any agricultural produce and give adequate access, without any compensation rights, to the authorised societies for a stipulated period for the discharge of fireworks during

[1]These Explanatory Notes are in accordance with and for the purpose of article 3(2)(c) of the Small Business Act (Chapter 512 of the Laws of Malta).

town and village feasts subject to the issue of permits by the Commissioner of Police. The Authority shall also notify the period within which the authorised societies may use the land before the date of the discharge of fireworks display.

On the other hand, the authorised societies shall obtain the consent of the Authority to discharge any fireworks on any Government-owned agricultural land which was already being used for the discharge of fireworks before or until the 31st December 2024.

The regulations also provide in case for request of consent to discharge of fireworks on agricultural land which was never used for such purpose. In such case the authorised societies shall prove to the satisfaction of the Lands Authority that the land upon which the fireworks used to be discharged during the last feast held the year before no longer satisfies the requirements stipulated in the Explosives Ordinance (Cap. 33).

Consent to discharge fireworks is obtained from the Lands Authority following the submission by the authorised societies an application on the form provided by the Authority by not later than the 31st May of each year to cover the feasts held between the 16th August and the 15th August of the subsequent year, subject that the authorised societies shall obtain the necessary licences and permits in accordance with the Explosives Ordinance (Cap. 33).

A provision is being included to cover the applications to be submitted by the end of the 31st May 2025 to cover all the feasts held during the same year 2025 and the period up till the 16th August 2026.

In addition, the authorised societies shall return the agricultural land back to the lessee within seven (7) days from the celebration of the feast and in the same condition that it was given to them.

5. Concluding sections

These regulations shall come into force on their date of publication in the Government Gazette.

For further information please contact Lands Authority on +356 2122 4016.

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.

27th September, 2024

Nru. 1263

ATT DWAR IL-ĦADDIEMA D-DEHEB U L-ĦADDIEMA L-FIDDA (ARĠENTIERA) (KAP. 46)

IL-KUMMISSARJU tat-Taxxi Interni jgħarraf illi, fid-data li tidher hawn taħt, il-prezz tad-deheb u l-fidda li fuqu huma bbażati l-valutazzjonijiet magħmulin mill-Konslu għall-Ħaddiema d-Deheb u l-Ħaddiema l-Fidda ġie ffissat għall-finijiet tal-artikolu 14 tal-imsemmi Att kif ġej:

No. 1263

GOLDSMITHS AND SILVERSMITHS ACT (CAP. 46)

THE Commissioner of Inland Revenue notifies that, on the date shown hereunder, the price of gold and silver on which valuations made by the Consul for Goldsmiths and Silversmiths are based has been fixed for the purposes of article 14 of the said Act as follows:

Data *Date*	Deheb Pur Gramma *Pure Gold* *Grams*	Fidda Pura Gramma *Pure Silver* *Grams*
27.9.2024	€76.366	€0.918

Is-27 ta' Settembru, 2024

27th September, 2024