Setturi milquta

Negozju relatat maż-żrieragħ tal-pjanti agrikoli u ħxejjex tal-ikel u materjal għat-tkattir u tħawwil ta' ħxejjex tal-Ikel.

Konformità

L-operaturi professjonali jeħtieġ li jieħdu l-miżuri kollha meħtieġa biex jiggarantixxu l-konformità ma' dawn ir-regolamenti l-ġodda meta jikkultivaw l-ispeċijiet imsemmija hawn fuq.

Id-dettalji f'dan id-dokument ma jissostitwixxux il-leġiżlazzjoni nazzjonali u m'għandhom l-ebda piż legali. Kwalunkwe żball jew ommissjoni f'dawn il-linji gwidi ma jeżentawx lill-operatur professjonali mill-konformità meħtieġa mill-Leġiżlazzjoni Sussidjarja 433.13 u 433.30 flimkien mal-Avviż Legali l-ġdid.

Regolatur

Fost responsabbiltajiet oħra, id-Direttorat għall-Protezzjoni tal-Pjanti għandu jiżgura iż-żrieragħ tal-pjanti agrikoli u ħxejjex tal-ikel u materjali għat-tkattir u tħawwil ta' ħxejjex tal-Ikel jiġu uffiċjalment spezzjonati u ttestjati fil-laboratorji qabel ma jsir kwalunkwe kummerċjalizzazzjoni.

Dettalji ta' kuntatt

Spjegazzjonijiet aktar jistgħu jinkisbu billi ssir komunikazzjoni mad-Direttorat għall-Ħarsien tal-Pjanti billi ċċempel fuq 8007 2310 jew 2292 6535 jew tibgħat imejl fuq (plantprotection@gov.mt).

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MINISTRY FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND ANIMAL RIGHTS

Explanatory Notes with regards to Various Subsidiary Legislation under the Plant Quarantine Act (Amendment) Regulations, 2025[1]

a. Introduction

Title of the Legal Notice	Various Subsidiary Legislation under the Plant Quarantine Act (Amendment) Regulations, 2025
Activity to be regulated	To transpose Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2024/3010 of 29 November 2024 amending Council Directives 2002/55/EC and 2002/57/EC, and Commission Directive 93/61/EEC as regards the listing of pests of plants on seeds and other plant reproductive material
Responsible entity	Plant Protection Directorate within the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights

b. Summary and background

Council Directive 2002/55/EC, and Commission Directive 93/61/EEC have been amended at EU level and therefore such amendments are being transposed in the respective national regulations. Through this amending Legal Notice, the Vegetable Propagation and Planting Material Regulations, (S.L. 433.13) and the Seeds of Agricultural Plants and Vegetables Regulations, (S.L. 433.30) will be updated.

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

Malta as an EU Member State is bound to take on-board the final classification of the pest Tomato brown rugose fruit virus with regards to its phytosanitary status as well as the tolerance thresholds for its presence in plant material.

c. Overview of the structure of the instrument

These amending regulations are made up of five (5) regulations and consist of the following:

Regulation 1. Citation and scope.

Regulation 2. Amendments to the Vegetable Propagation and Planting Material Regulations.

Regulation 3: Amends Schedule III to the principal regulations.

Regulation 4. Amendments to the Seeds of Agricultural Plants and Vegetables Regulations.

Regulation 5: Amends Schedule III to the prinċipal regulations.

d. Commentary

Regulation 3: Amends Schedule III to the Vegetable Propagation and Planting Material Regulations (S.L. 433.13) by adding Tomato brown rugose fruit virus [ToBRFV] to the list of viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas for certain propagation and planting material of pepper and tomato.

Regulation 5: Amends Schedule III to the Seeds of Agricultural Plants and Vegetables Regulations (S.L. 433.30) by adding Tomato brown rugose fruit virus [ToBRFV] to the list of viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas for certain seeds of pepper and tomato.

e. Concluding Section

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

For further information kindly contact the Plant Protection Directorate via email at (plantprotection@gov.mt) or via telephone 22926535.

N.B. These Explanatory Notes are not intended to be an exhaustive description of the 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.

3rd June, 2025

User Guidelines

Legal Notice: Various Subsidiary Legislation under the Plant Quarantine Act (Amendment) Regulations, 2025

Target Audience

The following information pertains to professional operators that are registered with the Plant Protection Directorate and which are active in the sector of propagation and marketing of seeds of agricultural plants and vegetables and vegetable propagation and planting material.

Objective of the Legal Notice

The national law, Subsidiary Legislation 433.13 – Vegetable Propagation and Planting Material Regulations LEGISLATION MALTA and Subsidiary Legislation 433.30 – Seeds of Agricultural Plants and Vegetables Regulations LEGISLATION MALTA, provide rules and standards in order to assure that any seeds of agricultural plants and vegetables or vegetable propagation and planting material produced in Malta or placed on the market in Malta or intended to be marketed in another EU Member State meet specified standards of quality.

The new Legal Notice adopted at national level updates the following parts of Subsidiary Legislation 433.13 and 433.30:

Schedule III

In the table of this schedule, the virus *"Tomato brown rugose fruit virus [ToBRFV]"* has been added to the list of viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas:

- with respect to seeds, for pepper other than seeds belonging to a variety known to be resistant to ToBRFV and tomato inlcuding hybrids; and

- with respect to propagation and planting material, for pepper other than material belonging to a variety known to be resistant to ToBRFV and tomato including hybrids.

Sectors affected

Business related to the seeds of agricultural plants and vegetables and vegetable propagation and planting material.

Compliance

Professional operators need to take all the necessary measures to guarantee compliance with these new regulations when cultivating the above mentioned species.

The details in this document do not substitute the national legislation and do not have any legal weighting. Any mistake or omission in these guidelines does not exempt the professional operator from the compliance required by Subsidiary Legislation 433.13 and 433.30, respectively, together with the new Legal Notice.

Regulator

Among other responsibilities, the Plant Protection Directorate shall ensure that the seeds of agricultural plants and vegetables and vegetable propagation and planting material are officially inspected, sampled and tested in laboratories before any marketing or shipping takes place.

Contact Details

More explanations can be obtained by communication with the Plant Protection Directorate by calling on 8007 2310 or 2292 6535 or by email on (plantprotection@gov.mt).