

L.N. 378 of 2005

**MALTA RESOURCES AUTHORITY ACT
(CAP. 423)**

Sewer Discharge Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2005

IN exercise of the powers conferred by articles 4 and 28 of the Malta Resources Authority Act and following consultation with the Malta Resources Authority, the Minister for Resources and Infrastructure has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Sewer Discharge Control Regulations, 2005 and they shall be read and construed as one with the Sewer Discharge Control Regulations, 2002, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”. Citation.
L.N. 139 of 2002.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on such date as the Minister for Resources and Infrastructure shall determine, and the Minister for Resources and Infrastructure may determine different dates for different parts of these regulations.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:- Amends regulation
2 of the principal
regulations.

(a) in the definition of “Chief Executive”, for the words “Malta Resources Authority” and “Authority”, there shall be substituted the words “Water Services Corporation” and “Corporation” respectively; and

(b) immediately after the definition of “prohibited effluent”, there shall be added the following new definition;

““public sewerage system” means the sewerage system owned by the Water Services Corporation;”.

3. Immediately after sub-regulation (2), of regulation 3 of the principal regulations, there shall be added the following: Amends regulation
3 of the principal
regulations.

“(3) An effluent is considered as prohibited, unless it is certified as non-toxic to activated sludge as per OECD 209 or equivalent certification.

(4) Sea-water and reject waters of a reverse-osmosis plant, a water softener, a desalination plant, a de-ionising plant, and other treatment plants are to be considered as prohibited effluent.”.

Amends regulation 7 of the principal regulations.

4. In sub-regulation (5) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations, for the words “Chief Executive” there shall be substituted the words “Water Services Corporation”.

Amends regulation 8 of the principal regulations.

5. In regulation 8 of the principal regulations, immediately after sub-regulation (3) thereof, there shall be added the following:

“(4) The Chief Executive shall always have the power to change the conditions of the permit, should circumstances so require.”.

Amends regulation 11 of the principal regulations.

6. In regulation 11 of the principal regulations for the word “Authority” there shall be substituted the words “Water Services Corporation”.

7. In Schedule A annexed to the principal regulations, for the words “competent international organisations” there shall be substituted the words “Radiation Protection Board”.

8. In Schedule C annexed to the principal regulations:

(i) in the english text. for the letters “CI” in number 10, there shall be substituted the letters “Cl mg/l” .;

(ii) add proviso as follows:

“Discharges having higher levels of chlorides may be authorised, subject to the submission by the owner of the trade premises of an implementation plan to be agreed by the Water Services Corporation. The plan will set definite deadlines by when full compliance with the level specified in Schedule C of Legal Notice 139 of 2002 will be achieved, taking into consideration the effect of the quality and quantity of these discharges on existing infrastructure.”