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**ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT
(CAP. 549)**

**Conservation of Wild Birds (Declaration of a Derogation for the
Control of *Sturnus vulgaris* and *Columba livia*) Regulations, 2021**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 54 and 55 of the Environment Protection Act, and by regulation 10(6) of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations and by regulations 3 and 4 of the Conservation of Wild Birds (Framework for Allowing a Derogation for the Control of Birds in the Interest of Air Safety) Regulations, the Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Planning, in conjunction with the Minister for Gozo, after consultation with the Environment and Resources Authority, and after taking into account the recommendations of the Malta Ornis Committee*, has made the following regulations:-

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| Citation. | 1. The title of these regulations is the Conservation of Wild Birds (Declaration of a Derogation for the Control of <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> and <i>Columba livia</i>) Regulations, 2021. |
| Interpretation.
S.L. 549. 42. | 2. Words and expressions used in these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the Wild Birds Regulations". |
| Control restriction. | 3. This derogation only applies for the control of <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> and <i>Columba livia</i> . |
| Establishment of control period. | 4. For the purposes of the second proviso to regulation 10(6) of the Wild Birds Regulations and for the purposes of these regulations, the period for the control of <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> and <i>Columba livia</i> shall be from 1st July 2021 to the 30th June 2022, both days included. |
| Control according to set framework.
S.L. 549. 85. | 5. For the purposes of these regulations, the control of <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> and <i>Columba livia</i> shall be in accordance with the provisions of the framework laid down by the Conservation of Wild Birds (Framework for Allowing a Derogation for the Control of Birds in the Interest of Air Safety) Regulations and the Wild Birds Regulations. |

* The recommendations of the Malta Ornis Committee on this derogation under Article 9(1)(a) of the Birds Directive are available at: <https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/Ornis-Committee.aspx> (17 March 2021).