

L.N. 258 of 2021

**ECO-CONTRIBUTION ACT
(CAP. 473)**

Eco-Contribution (Exemptions) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 12 and 13 of the Eco-Contribution Act, the Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Planning, with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance and Employment, has made the following regulations:-

Citation.

S.L. 473. 05.

Amends
regulation 2 of
the principal
regulations.

1. The title of these regulations is the Eco-Contribution (Exemptions) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Eco-Contribution (Exemptions) Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations".

2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations, the definition "Resource, Recovery and Recycling Agency" shall be substituted by the following new definition:

"Circular Economy Malta" means Circular Economy Malta established by virtue of the Circular Economy Malta (Establishment) Order;"

Amends
regulation 4 of
the principal
regulations.

3. Sub-regulation (5) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (3), where the thresholds set in sub-regulation (1) are not met, the Minister may, on the advice of Circular Economy Malta exempt a producer from the payment of eco-contribution due on products, if such producer proves to the satisfaction of the Minister that in a period after the eco-contribution becomes due, he is participating in a circular economy initiative and has either invested or is going to invest in the said scheme within a specified time-limit approved by the Minister, a sum equivalent to or higher than the amount of eco-contribution which would have been due."