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**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACT
(CAP. 595)**

Malta Food Agency (Establishment) Order, 2021

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 26(1) of the Public Administration Act, the Prime Minister has made the following order:-

1. The title of this order is the Malta Food Agency Citation.
(Establishment) Order, 2021.
2. There shall be an Agency, to be known as Malta Food, Establishment of Malta Food Agency.
hereinafter referred to as "the Agency", which shall deliver public services in relation to food from farming and fisheries.
3. (1) In the execution of its functions, the Agency shall Responsibilities of the Agency.
have the following responsibilities:
 - (a) implement regulations and Government's policy in sales and marketing of food from farming and fisheries;
 - (b) advise the Minister and support Government policy in sales and marketing of food from farming and fisheries;
 - (c) regulate the sales and marketing of food from farming and fisheries, and administer the legally established markets for agriculture and fisheries (Pitkalija and Pixkerija);
 - (d) support enterprises in the farming and fisheries food system; and
 - (e) exercise any function that may be assigned by the responsible Minister.
- (2) The Agency shall have the power to:
 - (a) collaborate with other agencies, corporations, authorities, government and non-government entities and other persons for the carrying out of its functions;
 - (b) enter into arrangements with public bodies, public authorities, government departments, public corporations, and local councils in fulfilling its functions;

(c) establish fees for the services it provides;

(d) create revenue streams from the sale of food from farming and fisheries;

(e) manage its own finances; and

(f) with the consent of the Minister, enter into joint ventures or partnerships or other agreements to fulfil any of its functions.

Minister responsible for the Agency.

4. (1) The Minister responsible for the Agency shall be the Minister responsible for Agriculture and Fisheries or such other Minister as may be designated for such purpose by the Prime Minister.

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(2) The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for Agriculture, and Fisheries shall supervise the Agency in terms of article 29 of the Public Administration Act. Provided that the Prime Minister may assign the responsibility of the Agency to another Minister and its supervision to the Permanent Secretary of that ministry.

Agency Performance Agreement.

5. The operations of the Agency shall follow an Agency Performance Agreement which is to be entered into between the Permanent Secretary and Malta Food.

Financial arrangement. Cap. 601.

6. The Agency shall be governed by the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act unless otherwise stated in the Agreement between the Permanent Secretary and the Agency, in which case the provisions of the Agreement shall prevail.

Amends the Fourth Schedule to the Public Administration Act. Cap. 595.

7. In the Fourth Schedule to the Public Administration Act, immediately after the item "Malta Council for Science and Technology Agency" there shall be added the following new item:

"Malta Food Agency	To deliver public services in relation to food from farming and fisheries"
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