

L.N. 264 of 2023

**ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
(CAP. 439)**

**Minimum Standards for the Protection of Pigs
(Amendment) Regulations, 2023**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 7(2) of the Animal Welfare Act, the Minister responsible for veterinary services has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Minimum Standards for the Protection of Pigs (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Minimum Standards for the Protection of Pigs Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Citation and commencement.
S.L. 439.02.

(2) These regulations shall come into force within two (2) months from their publication in the Gazette.

2. Regulation 1 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 1 of the principal regulations.

(a) sub-regulation (1) thereof, shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(1) The title of these regulations is the Minimum Standards for the Protection of Pigs Regulations."; and

(b) sub-regulation (2) thereof, shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(2) The scope of these regulations is to transpose Council Directive 2008/120/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs.".

3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

(a) the definitions thereof shall follow the alphabetical order;

(b) the definition "competent authority" thereof shall be

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substituted by the following new definition:

Cap. 437. " "competent authority" means the Department of Veterinary Services as defined in the Veterinary Services Act;"

(c) the definition "Department" thereof shall be deleted;
and

(d) the definition of "Director" thereof shall be substituted by the following new definition:

Cap. 439. " "Director" means the Director for Veterinary Services as defined in the Animal Welfare Act;"

Substitutes regulation 6 of the principal regulations.

4. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

"Inspections. 6. (1) The competent authority shall carry out inspections in order to ensure that the provisions of these regulations are being complied with.

(2) The competent authority may carry out inspections in the case of inspections made for other purposes which fall under its competence and shall each year cover a statistically representative sample of the different rearing systems used in Malta."
