L.N. 57 of 2024

IMMIGRATION ACT
(CAP. 217)

Malta Permanent Residence Programme (Amendment) Regulations, 2024

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 7A and 36 of the Immigration Act, the Minister responsible for immigration has made the following regulations:-

Citation.

1. The title of these regulations is the Malta Permanent Residence Programme (Amendment) Regulations, 2024 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Malta Permanent Residence Programme Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations". S.L. 217.26.

Amends regulation 15 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 15 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulation (2) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) in paragraph (a) thereof, immediately after the word "national;" there shall be added the word "and";

(ii) in paragraph (b) thereof, the words "Residence Programme Rules;" shall be substituted by the words "Residence Programme Rules."; and

(iii) paragraph (c) thereof shall be deleted; and

(b) immediately after sub-regulation (2) thereof, as amended, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(3) An approved dependant included on a certificate shall not be issued with a residence card unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Agency that he is in possession of sickness insurance in respect of all risks normally covered for Maltese nationals. An approved dependant issued with a residence card shall at all times maintain such sickness insurance to the satisfaction of the Agency for the entire duration of the residence card, in default the Agency shall remove the approved dependant from the certificate issued in accordance with regulation

17(4).".

Amends regulation 17 of the principal regulations.

3. Immediately after sub-regulation (9) of regulation 17 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(10) Until the Agency investigates and determines whether there are grounds for the cessation of the benefits of a certificate issued in accordance with sub-regulations (2) and (4), the Agency shall have the power to give such orders and directions as it deems appropriate in the circumstances including ordering a beneficiary and, or dependent to deposit his residence card with the Agency.".

Amends regulation 21 of the principal regulations.

4. Regulation 21 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulation (3) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) the words "Commissioner for Revenue," shall be substituted by the words "Commissioner for Tax and Customs,"; and

(ii) the words "Malta Financial Services Authority," shall be substituted by the words "Malta Financial Services Authority, the Malta Business Registry,"; and

(b) immediately after sub-regulation (4) thereof there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(5) Without prejudice to the provisions of the other sub-regulations, the Agency shall also have the power to furnish to the Commissioner for Tax and Customs the name and surname, nationality, date of birth, residence address in the original jurisdiction of tax residence and tax information registration number of the beneficiary and the dependants included on a certificate issued in accordance with these regulations.".

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