L.N. 120 of 2005

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT (CAP. 435)

Urban Waste Water Treatment (Amendment) Regulations, 2005

BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred by article 9 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister for Rural Affairs and the Environment has made the following regulations:–

1. The title of these regulations is the Urban Waste Water Treatment (Amendment) Regulations, 2005, and they shall be read and construed as one with the Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations, 2001 hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations". Citation. L.N. 340 of 2001.

2. For sub-regulation (7) of regulation 6 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following: Amends regulation 6 of the principle regulations.

"(7) The competent authority shall ensure that areas identified as sensitive, as listed in Annex II following review under sub-regulation (6), shall meet the above requirements.".

3. (1) For paragraph 3 of section B of Annex I to the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following: Amends Annex I to the principal regulations.

"3. Discharges from urban wastewater treatment plants to those sensitive areas which are subject to eutrophication as identified in Annex II shall in addition meet the requirements shown in Table 2 of this Annex.".

(2) For the title of Table 2 of Annex I to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following title:

"Requirements for discharges from urban waste water treatment plants to sensitive areas which are subject to eutrophication as identified in Annex II. One or both parameters may be applied depending on the local situation. The values for concentration or for the percentage of reduction shall apply.".

4. Immediately after section B of Annex II to the principal regulations, there shall be added the following new sections C and D: Amends Annex II to the principal regulations.

C. DESIGNATED SENSITIVE AREAS[1]

	Agglomeration	Local Council	Designated Sensitive Area	Point 1[1] Latitude	Point 1[1] Longitude	Point 2 Latitude	Point 2 Longitude	Reason/s for Designation
1	Malta South	Birzebbuga/Marsxlokk	Marsaxlokk Bay	66.20	58.90	66.30	59.40	Possible Eutrophication due to Nitrates
2	Malta South	Marsaskala	Marsaskala Bay/ Wied il-Ghajn Bay	68.80	61.80	69.50	61.70	Possible Eutrophication due to Nitrates
3	Malta South	Valletta	Marsamxetto and the Grand Harbour	73.10	57.00	73.80	56.20	Possible Eutrophication due to Nitrates

	Agglomeration	Local Council	Designated Sensitive Area	Point	Latitude	Longitude	Reason/s for Designation
4	Malta North/Marsa Land	Mellieha/Rabat	Qammieh Point till Ras ir-Raheb	P1	81.00	38.80	Possible Eutrophication due to Nitrates
				P2	78.20	40.00	
				P3	78.20	38.50	
				P4	73.30	39.00	
				P5	73.30	39.65	

	Agglomeration	Local Council	Designated Sensitive Area	Point 1[2] Latitude	Point 1[2] Longitude	Point 2 Latitude	Point 2 Longitude	Reason/s for Designation
5	Gozo Main	Ghajnsielem	Mgarr Harbour	86.00	34.00	86.20	35.00	Possible Eutrophication due to Nitrates
6	Gozo Main	Ghajnsielem	Mgarr ix-Xini	87.30	37.50	86.70	36.70	Possible Eutrophication due to Nitrates
7	Gozo Main	Munxar	Xlendi Bay	87.50	29.10	87.90	29.00	Possible Eutrophication due to Nitrates
8	Gozo Main	Zebbug	Marsalforn Bay	92.80	33.25	92.60	33.70	Possible Eutrophication due to Nitrates

[1] The whole coastline and coastal area enclosed within the line transect between point 1 and point 2 in the table above are the designated sensitive areas except in the case of Sensitive Area 4 where the latter is indicated within 4 points

D. MAP ILLUSTRATING DESIGNATED SENSITIVE AREAS



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