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CRIMINAL CODE
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Criminal Procedure (Regulation of Registries, Archives and Functions of Director General (Courts) and Other Court Executive Officers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 697 of the Criminal Code, the Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government, has made the following regulations:-

Citation.

1. The title of these regulations is the Criminal Procedure (Regulation of Registries, Archives and Functions of Director General (Courts) and Other Court Executive Officers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Criminal Procedure (Regulation of Registries, Archives, Functions of Director General (Courts) and Other Court Executive Officers) Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations". S.L. 9.09.

Adds new regulation to the principal regulations.

2. Immediately after regulation 4 of the principal regulations, there shall be added the following new regulation:

"Transfer of judicial acts and written pleadings between Courts in Malta and Courts in Gozo.

4A. (1) Saving the provisions of regulations 3 and 4, a judicial act or a written pleading may be filed in the registry of the Criminal Courts and Tribunals, Malta, for onward transmission by the registrar of that court to the registrar of the Gozo Courts and Tribunals, Gozo indicated in the judicial act or written pleading.

(2) It shall be sufficient for all purposes of law for a copy of a judicial act or written pleading to be electronically transmitted to the registrar Gozo Courts and Tribunals indicated in the judicial act or written pleading.

(3) The registrar receiving the electronically transmitted copy as aforesaid, shall acknowledge its receipt by return e-mail to the registrar sending the scanned copy of the judicial act or written pleading.

(4) If it is required that an officer effects service of the electronic copy of a judicial act or written pleading as aforesaid, the officer shall deliver to the registrar of the Courts and Tribunals, Gozo, the certificate of service, duly confirmed on oath before the registrar himself who shall transmit it to the registrar, Criminal Courts and Tribunals in Malta indicated in the judicial act or written pleading and vice-versa. Such delivery may also be made by electronic means and the registrar receiving the certificate of service as aforesaid shall acknowledge its receipt by return e-mail to the registrar sending the certificate of service.

(5) The provisions of sub-regulations (1) to (4), both inclusive, shall *mutatis mutandis* apply when a judicial act or a written pleading is filed in the registry of the Gozo Courts and Tribunals for onward transmission to the Criminal Courts and Tribunals in Malta indicated in the judicial act or written pleading.

(6) The date of filing shall be the date when the judicial act or written pleading was first filed in the registry of the Criminal Courts and Tribunals, Malta and not when the judicial act or written pleading was received by the registry of the Gozo Courts and Tribunals and vice-versa.".

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