

## **Environmental Health Directorate**

### **Structure, Functions and Responsibilities**

The Directorate has a semi centralised structure with a Head Office at Santa Venera, a Public Health Laboratory at Valletta, Port Health Offices at Floriana and MIA Gudja and Regional Offices in Gozo, St. Paul's Bay, B'Kara, and Zabbar. The Directorate is also responsible for the administration of Government cemeteries with an administration office at the Addolorata Cemetery in Paola. The Pest Control Unit operates from two offices situated in San Gwann and Luqa. The Health Certificate and Consultation Unit offers its services from Santa Venera.

The Mission Statement of the Directorate is:

The Environmental Health Directorate promotes and safeguards the health and wellbeing of the public from possible environmental effects.

Strategies in order to address the Directorate's responsibilities:

- Ensure the Effective and Consistent Enforcement of Food and Environmental Health Legislation.
- Work in Partnership with all stakeholders in order to facilitate compliance with Food and Public Health legislation.
- Ensure that the Directorate is responsive, efficient and effective and delivers value for money.

Expected Outcomes:

- The public, the Department for Health, the EU and the Government have confidence that the requirements of official control legislation are being complied with by the Environmental Health Directorate through their enforcement activities.
- Enforcement is effective, consistent and proportionate and is focused on protection of consumers' health and consumers' interests.

### **General Description of the Categories of Documents Held**

- Databases – Health Inspectorate System and Burials Administration;
- Annual Reports of the activities of the Directorate;
- Food Premises Risk Management files;
- Documentation related to bathing water data;
- Private water suppliers register;
- Swimming pools register;
- Documentation related to health pandemic Covid-19;
- Audit files of both Food and Environmental Health.

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