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Emenda fin-notifika ta' sorsi ta' l-ilma ta' taħt l-art

Il-Ministeru tar-Riżorsi u Affarijiet Rurali ippubblika l-Avviż Legali 204 tal-2009 li jippermetti lil sidien ta' boreholes li naqsu li jinnotifikaw il-*boreholes* tagħhom skont it-termini tal-Avviż Legali 255 tal-2008 biex jirregolarizzaw il-pożizzjoni tagħhom, sakemm dak in-nuqqas ta' notifika jkun ġustifikat b'raġunijiet u minħabba ċirkustanzi speċjali.

L-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi se tilqa', mingħajr preġudizzju, applikazzjonijiet għan-notifika ta' sorsi ta' ilma ta' taħt l-art, li ma kienux sottomessi lilha sal-20 ta' Novembru 2008. Dawn l-applikazzjonijiet se jkunu ezaminatti bir-reqqa minn kumitat li għandu jitwaqqaf skont l-artiklu 25 tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar ir-Riżorsi, li se jiddetermina jekk ix-xhieda prodotta mill-applikant tiġġustifikax id-dewmien tiegħu/tagħha fiż-żmien determinat bl-Avviż Legali 255 tal-2008. Il-kumitat se jiddetermina jekk ix-xhieda prodotta mill-applikant b'affidavit hix biżżejjed biex hu jinheles mis-sanzjonijiet u l-multi kif speċifikati fl-Avviż Legali 255 tal-2008.

Utent ta' sors ta' ilma taħt l-art għandu jipprezenta affidavit li għandu jkun maħluf u konfermat taħt ġurament quddiem kummissarju tal-ġuramenti, billi jispeċifika fl-affidavit id-dewmien tan-notifika.

Minbarra l-ħlas tar-registrasżjoni ta' €230, l-applikanti jridu jħallsu d-dritt addizzjonali ta' €100.

L-Awtorità Maltija dwar ir-Riżorsi tixtieq tfakkar li skont l-Avviż Legali 254 tal-2008 ma jista' jsir ebda thaffir ta' boreholes jew kull forma ta' xogħol ieħor ta' thaffir f'żona ta' saturazzjoni, sakemm ma jinħariġx permess mill-Awtorità.

F'każ ta' ksur tar-regolamenti hemm multi ta' mhux inqas minn €20,000 sa massimu ta' €50,000 jew sa 18-il xahar ħabs kif ukoll ikun kunfiskat it-tagħmir użat għat-thaffir tal-borehole jew għal xogħol ieħor ta' thaffir.

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Amendment in the notification of Groundwater sources regulations

The Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs has published Legal Notice 204 of 2009 that allows borehole owners who have failed to notify their boreholes in terms of LN255/08, to regularise their position, only if they can justify their failure to comply with the provisions of LN255/08 and produce evidence to justify their reasons and claims.

The Malta Resources Authority will accept, without prejudice applications for notifications of groundwater sources, which were not submitted by the 20th of November 2008. These applications will be assessed by an independent committee appointed in terms of article 25 of the MRA Act, who will determine whether the evidence produced by the applicant justifies his/her, claims of failure to comply with the deadlines required by LN255/08. The committee will determine whether the evidence produced by the applicant under oath merits due consideration to waiver sanctions and penalties specified by LN255/08.

A user of a groundwater source is required to provide proof and documentary evidence confirmed under oath before a commissioner of oaths, specifying the reasons and the appropriate special circumstances justifying late notification,

Besides a registration fee of €230, applicants will pay an additional fee of €100.

The Malta Resources Authority would like to bring to the attention of the public that in terms of L.N. 254 of 2008, the drilling of boreholes or any form of excavation works carried out partly or totally in a saturated zone is prohibited, unless a permit to this effect is issued by the Authority.

The regulations provide for fines in case of infringements of not less than €20,000 but not exceeding €50,000 or to imprisonment up to 18 months as well as the confiscation of equipment used for the drilling of borehole or for carrying out the excavation works.

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