



MALTA RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Decision of the 6th May 2011 issued in virtue of Malta Resources Authority Act (Cap. 423) to licensed gas distributors.

Whereas the Authority has received various complaints and has noted a number of public pronouncements relating to the alleged shortfall of available portable LPG cylinders in the national LPG market.

In view of the Authority's function to:

- regulate, monitor and keep under review all practices, operations and activities relating to energy;
- secure and regulate the development and maintenance of efficient systems in order to satisfy, as economically as possible, all reasonable demands for the provision of the resources,

the Authority is hereby issuing the following Decision in terms of which you are required:

1. to declare in writing (duly signed) within two (2) working days from the date of the issue of this Decision, whether you have in your possession or under your control any portable LPG cylinders originally provided directly or indirectly to consumers by any authorised importer and, or wholesaler of LPG and to specify to the Authority the location of their storage;
2. to return to the authorised importer and, or wholesaler of LPG who originally provided them directly or indirectly to consumers, within five (5) working days from the date of the issue of this Decision, any portable LPG cylinders originally provided directly or indirectly to consumers by such authorised importer and, or wholesaler of LPG as declared to be directly or indirectly in your possession or under your control in terms of 1. above.
3. to provide to the Authority within a further period of five (5) working days from the return mentioned in paragraph 2. a duly signed record attesting the return of the said cylinders in terms of paragraph 3. above. Such records should be counter-signed by all the licensees or authorised providers involved in the transaction.
4. Paragraph 1 to 3 above shall be complied with immediately and the implementation thereof shall not be obstructed or delayed by reason of any claim for the payment of a refund of a deposit or of a price of the gas cylinders which any person may have against any other authorised provider.

This Decision shall only apply in respect of gas cylinders received directly or indirectly by licensees from consumers empty or in a state wherein re-filling is required.

The Authority reserves the right to impose an administrative fine upon any person who fails to comply with this Decision.

All correspondence related to this Decision is to be delivered by hand during office hours (8 a.m. to 5p.m.) to the following address:

Chief Executive Officer
Malta Resources Authority,
Millennia, Aldo Moro Road,
Marsa MRS 9065,

Soft copy versions of signed originals* are also temporarily acceptable and should be addressed to:

ceo@mra.org.mt

*Originals are to be submitted with six working days from the date of the issue of this Decision.

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Malta Resources Authority