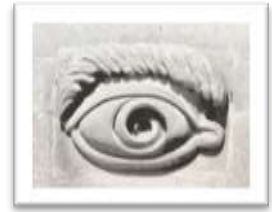


Office of the Regulator

Granting of Citizenship for Exceptional Services



Publication of Act No. XXXVIII of 2020, L.N. 437 of 2020 and L.N. 436 of 2020

26 November 2020

The Maltese Citizenship (Amendment No.2) Act was published as a supplement in the Maltese Government Gazette No 20,452 (dated 31 July 2020). This Act enacted by the Parliament of Malta to further amend the Maltese Citizenship Act Cap 188 was passed by the House of Representatives at the Sitting of the 28 July 2020 (Sitting No. 365).

The Act includes amendments to articles 2, 10, 23, 24, 25, 25B and 27 of the principal Act and a substitution of article 25A of the principal Act.

The amendments carried to articles 25 and 25B as well as the substitution of article 25A, all of the Malta Citizenship Act, Cap. 188, which *inter alia* relate to the duties and functions of Regulator and matters thereto, were basically the result of the complete repeal of the Individual Investor Programme Regulations and the bringing into effect of the Granting of Citizenship for Exceptional Services Regulations which intrinsically replaced the aforesaid Regulations. Thus the Regulator's role has now been transposed from that of the Individual Investor Programme to the Granting of Citizenship for Exceptional Services whilst keeping temporarily alive his one-time role of Regulator of the Individual Investor Programme in respect of applications under this latter Programme which have still not been finalized and adjudicated by the Minister.

The amending Act also brought about the winding up of the Malta Individual Investor Programme Agency and the creation of a new Government Agency in its place - the Community Malta Agency – the role and functions of which are provided for in the Community Malta Agency (Establishment) Order, 2020 as per L.N. 436 of 2020 issued under the Public Administration Act, Cap. 595.

The above-mentioned amending Act (Act No. XXXVIII of 2020) can be accessed [here](#), whilst the Granting of Citizenship for Exceptional Services Regulations published as per L.N. 437 of 2020 can be viewed [here](#) and the Community Malta Agency (Establishment) Order, 2020 (L.N. 436 of 2020) can be viewed [here](#).