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COVID-19: MTA INSPECTS OUTLETS

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During routine inspections carried out on Saturday 04th April 2020, the Malta Tourism Authority discovered that a kiosk in Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq was serving beer in glass tumblers to customers in the immediate vicinity of the premises. This is prohibited by Legal Notice 76 of 2020. The operator of the outlet has been warned and will be fined accordingly.

In a separate incident, following a complaint lodged at the Hamrun Police Station, a bar in Hamrun was found to have people inside drinking and listening to music. The owner of the bar will be fined and in addition the MTA will also be issuing an enforcement notice.

Meanwhile, MTA continued with its inspections of restaurants, bars, snack-bars and other catering establishments to ensure that these are fully compliant with the Covid-19 regulations.

In Malta, more than 890 inspections were carried out in 40 different localities during the 24 hours since the last report. Of these, more than 384 inspections took place in the Buġibba/Qawra/St Paul's Bay area and more than 120 establishments were checked in the Mosta/Naxxar/Gharghur area.

In Gozo, MTA checked around 140 establishments located in 11 towns and villages. During these inspections, no breaches were found.

Since the relevant Legal Notices came into force, the number of inspections around Malta and Gozo has surpassed 15,130 inspections. More than 12,270 inspections have taken place in Malta and over 2860 were carried out in Gozo.

MTA reminds the general public on the need to practice social distancing and to remain as much as possible at home. Anyone who encounters any breaches can inform the authority via its Tourism COVID-19 helpline: 21692447 or email: tourismcovid-19helpline@visitmalta.com.

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