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COVID-19: MTA INSPECTS OUTLETS

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On Saturday 25th April 2020, the Malta Tourism Authority carried out more than 1300 inspections (1100 in Malta and 200 in Gozo). No breaches were found among the licensed catering establishments that were inspected.

However, at around 20:00 hrs, the MTA was alerted by the Health Department that a mini-market in Sliema was providing catering services. A joint inspection was carried out on-site with the assistance of the Police. It was determined that the operator was in breach of Legal Notice 76 of 2020 and the Health Authorities will fine him accordingly. The establishment was also ordered to close. It also transpired from evidence on the premises that the operator was providing take-away services to customers in breach of Malta Travel and Tourism Services Act. Additional appropriate action will be taken in this regard.

Since the relevant Legal Notices came into force, the total number of inspections carried out by MTA around Malta and Gozo has reached more than 40,840.

Anyone who encounters any breaches can inform the authority via its Tourism COVID-19 helpline: 21692447 or email: <u>tourismcovid-19helpline@visitmalta.com</u>.

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