



Post Consultation Brief on the Assessment and Management of Environment Noise (Amendment) Regulations, 2018

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Environment and Resources Authority



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / GENERAL COMMENTS

The draft Assessment and Management of Environment Noise (Amendment) Regulations, were issued for public consultation through MEUSAC for a period of four weeks, beginning on the 6th July and ending on the 3rd August 2018. Members of the public were invited to make comments and suggestions as to how the proposed regulations could be improved to reach their ultimate aim. The comments received by email during the four week period, are outlined below, together with ERA's replies on the said comments.

DETAILED CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Ref No.	Name of Stakeholder	Comments Received	ERA Response / Remarks
1	Paul Radmilli (Councilor, Tas-Sliema Local Council)	I suggest that in addition to 'industrial noise', the Regulations also provide for the monitoring of noise generated by the entertainment industry, such as beach clubs, bars, cafes, cruises on which discos are held etc.	This public consultation addresses the incorporation of the EU's Common Noise Assessment Methods (CNOSSOS Directive 2015/996), into existing national legislation. This Directive, as well as the original EU Directive 2002/49/EC on noise, to which these regulations relate, do not cater for the inclusion of noise generated by the entertainment industry. Notably, Directive 2015/996, aims to establish common noise assessment methods throughout the EU and therefore Member States would need to take a harmonised approach to how they monitor and assess environmental noise and consequently, what would be included within the scope of such assessments.

2	Pamela Hansen	<p>Where to begin. The constant bombardment due to festas all summer. No time limit is enforced and the volume needs to be constantly checked.</p> <p>Barking dogs. There is no one who seems to be responsible for this regular nuisance.</p> <p>The police are too busy with more serious business.</p> <p>For there to be a real effort to make for a peaceful environment, there has to be a body purely responsible for noise abuse, with the power to issue on the spot fines after a warning.</p>	<p>ERA takes note of this comment however clarifies that these points are beyond the scope of the specific draft amendment regulations to which this consultation refers.</p>
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