

L.N. 165 of 1997

**WATER SERVICES CORPORATION ACT, 1991
(ACT NO. XXIII OF 1991)**

Drilling Rigs (Registration) Regulations, 1997

IN exercise of the power conferred by sections 27 and 45 of the Water Services Corporation Act, 1991, the Water Services Corporation, with the approval of the Minister of Public Works and Construction, has made the following regulations:

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Drilling Rigs (Registration) Regulations, 1997.

Citation and
commencement

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Government Gazette.

2. (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:-

Interpretation

“Act” means the Water Services Corporation Act, 1991.

“drilling rig” or “rig” means any equipment intended for use to drill holes of a diameter greater than one hundred millimeters and of a depth in excess of fifteen meters. It includes also any equipment, whether registered or not with the Police as a normal heavy vehicle or heavy plant, which is temporarily or permanently altered mechanically so as to drill holes as mentioned above;

“Corporation” means the Water Services Corporation as established by the Act;

“officer” includes any person engaged by, detailed for duty with, or in any manner whatsoever performing duties for or on behalf of the Corporation;

“user” means the person who has the effective control of use of the drilling rig.

(2) The meanings set out in the Act shall be applicable in these regulations, unless the context requires otherwise.

3. (1) Every user shall, within twenty one days of the coming into force of these regulations, inform the Corporation of the existence of all drilling rigs, whether or not so registered with the Police, over which he has effective control of use.

Registration of
drilling rigs

(2) The information required in paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be given in the form established by the Corporation in the Schedule to these regulations, and shall include all the particulars and shall meet all the requirements stipulated therein.

- (3) The form indicated in paragraph (2) of this regulation may be collected from the offices of the Corporation or from any other place which the Corporation may designate.
4. (1) There shall be paid to the Corporation, upon the registration of the drilling rig, a fee of thirty maltese liri. Fee on registration

(2) A drilling rig shall not be deemed to be registered for the purposes of these regulations unless and until the relative fee has been paid.

(3) If a drilling rig is registered by more than one person, only one fee shall be paid.
 5. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, every drilling rig registered in accordance with the provisions of regulations 3 and 4 of these regulations shall be deemed to be operated under a temporary licence from the Corporation. Temporary licence
 6. (1) Every user who fails to inform the Corporation as prescribed in regulations 3 and 4 of these regulations, or who submits incorrect, incomplete or false information, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine (*multa*) of not less than four thousand maltese liri (Lm4,000) but not exceeding eight thousand maltese liri (Lm8,000) and to the confiscation of the drilling rig. Penalty

(2) Such fine shall be payable within a period of time as the Court in passing sentence shall direct.

(3) Such fine and confiscation shall be over and above, and in addition to, any other punishment for which he would be liable under any other law or regulation.
 7. The Corporation may designate any officer or officers to carry out duties in connection with, or arising from, these regulations. Executing officers
 8. The registration of a drilling rig does not in any way give any right to the user to drill any hole which may be defined as a groundwater source according to the Ground Water Sources (Registration) Regulations, 1997 L.N. 120 of 1997
 9. The registration of a drilling rig by a user shall in no way prejudice any rights or claims which third parties may have over such drilling rig. Third party rights
 10. The permit given by regulation 5 of these regulations does not exempt the user from the obligation of obtaining any other permit or licence which may be required by any other law or regulation. Other requirements non-exempt

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

REGISTRATION OF A DRILLING RIG/BORING EQUIPMENT

DETAILS OF OWNERSHIP

- 1. OWNER OF RIG* _____
- 2. ADDRESS _____

** (Where the owner is a non-physical person, the details of the managing director and/or the legal representative of such person are to be submitted.)*

TECHNICAL DETAILS OF RIG

- 3. MANUFACTURER _____
- 4. MODEL _____
- 5. YEAR OF MANUFACTURE _____
- 6. TYPE* _____
*(*Specify whether mechanical, hydraulic or pneumatic)*
- 7. MOBILITY (*Truck* or Trailer mounted*) _____
**Truck details to be included*
- 8. RATING (DEPTH, metres) _____
- 9. MAST HEIGHT _____
- 10. CHASSIS NUMBER _____
- 11. RIG ENGINE TYPE _____
- 12. RIG ENGINE NUMBER _____
- 13. RIG ENGINE CAPACITY _____

14. INTENDED PURPOSE _____

TECHNICAL DETAILS OF TRUCK

15. MANUFACTURER _____

16. MODEL _____

17. YEAR OF MANUFACTURE _____

18. TYPE _____

19. TRUCK ENGINE NUMBER _____

20. TRUCK CHASSIS NUMBER _____

21. TRUCK REGISTRATION NUMBER _____

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the details submitted above are true and correct.

Signature: _____

I.D No. _____

Date: _____

For Office Use Only

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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