



## **Farmers Market Permit Conditions**

### **1. Purpose of the Farmers Market Conditions:**

The Farmers Markets were established by the Subsidiary Law 117.31 Farmers' Markets Regulations and its amendments and aim to market and sell local agricultural products from the farmer/producer and/or cooperatives directly to the consumer.

The purpose of this document is to give guidance to permit holders on the conditions they should comply with.

The conditions shall be followed and it is the duty of the permit holder to read, understand and apply these guidelines and conditions. The Market Regulation Unit within the Malta Food Agency will be carrying out regular inspections and, where these conditions are found to be breached, the necessary steps will be taken according to the same law aforementioned.

### **2. What can be sold at the Farmers Market:**

At the Farmers market, one may sell agricultural products cultivated or grown in the Maltese Islands, fish landed in the Maltese Islands and products derived directly from such local agricultural, animal husbandry or fisheries primary produce.

### **4. Farmers Market Permit:**

No person may operate any stall and participate in the Farmers Market without a permit issued by the responsible unit within the Malta Food Agency.

### **5. Farmers Market Opening Days and Hours:**

#### **a) Farmers Market Ta' Qali\***

Tuesday and Saturday from 07:00 to 15:00 hrs

Location: Triq San Ġakbu, H'Attard

Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/FsHxfEVXDQ4cWE4h9>

\* The Malta Food Agency is in the process of finding an alternative location due to the Farmers Market's new project.

**b) Farmers Market Kottonera**

Saturday from 07:00 to 11:30 hrs

Location: Triq il-Ġublew tal-Fidda, il-Birgu/ Bormla

Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/St5u9vZBTTckSAto8>

**6. Farmers Market Conditions and Regulations:**

1. The details provided in the application must be kept updated. Where there is any change of information a signed and updated application form with the new details/information shall be filled in and presented to the Market Regulation Unit Unit, of the Agency
2. In case of particular circumstances or any period of absence, the permit holder must inform the market Regulation Unit and provide the necessary documents. If the permit holder fails to inform the agency within three weeks and does not operate for three consecutive weeks, the Agency reserves the right to take the necessary action.
3. The permit to operate a stall at the Farmers Market issued by the Agency shall be clearly displayed at all times.
4. The permit holder or the substitute should be present at the stall at all times.
5. The dimensions of each stall at the Farmers Market shall be specified by the Market Regulation Unit. The stalls should be retained as allocated and cannot be exchanged without a formal request and approval by the Agency in accordance with the established law and procedures.
6. The permit holder or substitute can never sell imported agricultural products or any agricultural product purchased or otherwise acquired by a market centre for agricultural products (Pitkalija) from a Farmers Market stall
7. The permit holder or the substitute can only sell from his Farmers Market stall the local agricultural products specified in the permit application. Products offered for sale must be fresh, of good quality and it must be ensured that any rotten and unsaleable product is removed.
8. The permit holder or substitute may use only the vehicle bearing the registration number as specified in the permit application, and shall park the vehicle in the allocated space for the stall.
9. The permit holder or his substitute must keep his stall clean at all times, shall provide waste containers and be responsible for leaving no waste or other material in his allocated space at the time of closure
10. The permit holder or substitute must ensure that he causes no damage to the street, pavement or public property when making use of his stall, vehicle or any other equipment.

11. The permit holder or substitute must ensure that his stall is equipped with an appropriate fire extinguisher.
12. The permit holder must keep an account of all his sales, in a sales ledger/document approved by the Agency for each month. The document should include the quantity, type of product sold and the price charged, and shall be presented if requested by the officers of the Agency during inspections.
13. The permit holder or the substitute must always show the price of the product offered for sale.
14. All permit holders, substitutes and assistants operating a stall at the Farmers Market must wear at all times the identify tag and uniforms provided by the Agency.
15. All permit holders, substitutes and assistants shall maintain adequate personal hygiene and observe the basic health rules relating to food management at all times.
16. Every permit holder or substitute shall make his team aware of the guidelines, conditions and rules to be followed, as well as keep abreast of the responsibilities for selling food products.
17. Every permit holder or substitute shall ensure that his stall's tent and assembly are secure and do not harm other people or property.
18. The permit holder shall provide a crop plan and/or production plan in the case of different products every six months or as requested by officers of the Agency.
19. The permit holder must submit records of purchases from other farmers or producers to the officers of the Agency on a monthly basis
20. New assistants must register with the Agency and submit the necessary documents before they can operate in the farmers market.
21. Permit holders may purchase other local products only from farmers or producers registered with the Market Regulation Unit within the Agency.
22. Cardboard boxes or any display packaging that may mislead the consumer as to the origin of the product are not acceptable.
23. Those intending to sell dairy products, honey, eggs, fish or meat must comply with the following requirements:
  - Dairy products such as cheeselets (gbejniet) shall be properly packaged and labelled, showing the approval number (DP number) and the registration number (R number), and must be stored at the appropriate temperature.
  - Honey vendors must have a valid BK number.
  - Those intending to sell eggs must have the chickens registered with the Veterinary Regulation Directorate (VRD) or the entity responsible, and the eggs must be stamped in accordance with regulations.

- Meat or meat products must be sold packaged and labelled, stored and displayed properly, kept at the appropriate temperature. All types of meat must be prepared and processed by the Public Abattoir or an authorised place as required by law.
- The fish must be stored and displayed appropriately, maintained at the right temperature, and the consumer must be given all relevant information.

24. Preserved products, such as capers etc., must be appropriately packaged and labelled.

25. All weighing scales used must be calibrated in accordance with current regulations, including S.L. 454.02 and MCCA guidelines.

26. Where the Agency is informed by the responsible entity of a breach of law and/or misuse of plant protection products (pesticides) or/and unauthorised substances which may pose a risk to the health and safety of the consumer, the Agency has the authority to take the necessary actions and even to cease the sale of the products concerned.

## **7. Contact**

For further information one can contact the Market Regulation Unit of the Malta Food Agency as indicated in the details below:

### **Address:**

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