

CHAPTER 30

CARRIER-PIGEONS ORDINANCE

To make provision respecting carrier-pigeons.

(1st August, 1903)*

Enacted by ORDINANCE XIV of 1901 as amended by Legal Notices: 4 of 1963, 148 of 1975; and Act XLIX of 1981.

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| <p>1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Carrier-Pigeons Ordinance.</p> | <p>Short title.</p> |
| <p>2. The introduction into Malta of carrier-pigeons, whatever the use for which they are intended, shall only be permitted from those foreign countries with which the Government of Malta has entered into any convention for the mutual and equal treatment of such birds.</p> | <p>Introduction of carrier-pigeons into Malta.
<i>Amended by:</i>
<i>L.N. 148 of 1975.</i></p> |
| <p>3. It shall not be lawful to establish and to maintain carrier-pigeon lofts or to receive carrier-pigeons without a licence from the Minister responsible for the Police.</p> | <p>Licence to establish pigeon lofts.
<i>Amended by:</i>
<i>L.N. 4 of 1963.</i></p> |
| <p>4. Every person who receives from abroad any carrier-pigeon shall, within two days, notify the fact to the Commissioner of Police, giving him the name of the country of origin.</p> | <p>Notice to be given to the police.</p> |
| <p>5. The tossing of carrier-pigeons of foreign origin, or of carrier-pigeons coming from foreign countries, shall be permitted only if the birds come from one of the countries referred to in section 2.</p> | <p>Tossing of pigeons.</p> |
| <p>6. The flying of carrier-pigeons may only take place in such localities as shall be appointed by the Minister responsible for the Police and under the control of a Police officer deputed in that behalf by the Minister responsible for the Police.</p> | <p>Localities where flying can take place.
<i>Amended by:</i>
<i>L.N. 4 of 1963.</i></p> |
| <p>7. The Minister responsible for the Police may forbid every flight of carrier-pigeons which he has reason to suspect, or which appears to be in contravention of the provisions of sections 2 and 5</p> | <p>Powers of Minister responsible for the Police.
<i>Amended by:</i>
<i>L.N. 4 of 1963.</i></p> |
| <p>8. The Minister responsible for the Police may also, in special circumstances, either forbid the importation and conveyance of foreign pigeons, or establish the conditions under which such importation may be permitted.</p> | <p>Restrictions on importation of foreign pigeons.
<i>Amended by:</i>
<i>L.N. 4 of 1963.</i></p> |
| <p>9. It shall be lawful for any Police officer not inferior in rank to an Inspector to order the production, for inspection by him, of any pigeons intended for flying purposes, whatever may be their origin or the object of their training, whether used for shooting or belonging to special homing pigeon lofts, and, in any case, to mark the pigeons with a special stamp or to seize the same.</p> | <p>Powers of Police.</p> |

*See Proclamation No. XIII of 25th June, 1901 and Government Notice No. 153 of 27th July, 1903.

Penalties.

10. Any person offending against any of the foregoing provisions shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine (*ammenda*) or to detention. The court may also order that the loft be closed.

Aggravating
circumstances.
Amended by:
XLIX.1981.4.

11. Whosoever shall employ any carrier-pigeons in a manner prejudicial to the safety of the State shall be liable on conviction, to imprisonment for a term from three months to two years.
