



GħSL'S TOP MALTESE LAW UPDATES - JANUARY 2016

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RANK	LEGAL NOTICE	TOPIC	WHAT'S NEW?	RELATED INFORMATION
1.	L.N. 42 of 2016	Maltese Civil Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brings Act IV of 2016 into force as from 15th February 2016, to amend the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure, to create a more efficient system of civil procedure some of the amendments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> article 47(1): The Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a court of first instance, is now competent to hear and determine all claims of an amount not exceeding € 15,000 (formerly: €11,646.87), so long as the claim is against a person residing or having their ordinary abode in any part of the Island of Malta (by virtue of article 50(2)(a), this also applies to the Court of Magistrates (Gozo)). article 152(1): the registrar shall serve upon the parties a notice indicating the day appointed by the court for the hearing of a case for the first time; and such day shall be as soon as possible, not later than 3 months (formerly: 6 months) after the application for appeal has been filed and the deposit paid article 166A: summary proceedings under this article can now be used where the amount of the debt does not exceed €25,000 (formerly €23,293.73) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://goo.gl/bqMte6 http://goo.gl/AlJcnY
2.	L.N. 16 of 2016	Immigration Act and the Detention Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> establishes the general duties of the Officers of Detention Centres, the rights of detained persons, provisions on security and safety at the detention centres, regulations on who has access to these centres, and the procedure to discharge persons from these centres. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a
3.	L.N. 41 of 2016	Maritime Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> established the Malta Marittima Agency, whose functions relate to the promotion, development and growth of the maritime sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://goo.gl/28DxcW http://goo.gl/YSx6Ni