

Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Supply

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Expression of Interest for the provision of food stalls during the Maltese Sausage Day event

Introduction

The Public Abattoir - Il-Biċċerija within the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Supply (hereinafter referred to as the 'MAFF') will be organising a public event celebrating the traditional Maltese Sausage - Iz-Zalzett tal-Malti (henceforth event) on the 31st July 2026 from 19:30 onwards.

The aim of this event is to celebrate and promote the traditional Maltese sausage, showcasing its cultural significance and culinary versatility while supporting local food artisans and entrepreneurs.

The event will be held at the Public Abattoir - Il-Biċċerija premises. To enhance the culinary experience for attendees, the MAFF is inviting prospective economic operators to express their interest in providing food stalls featuring innovative and traditional dishes that incorporate the Maltese sausage as a key ingredient by submitting an application in terms of this Expression of Interest.

Instructions to Prospective Economic Operators

1. General Instructions

1.1. In submitting an offer, the prospective economic operator accepts in full and in its entirety, the content of this Expression of Interest, including any subsequent clarifications issued by the MAFF, irrespective of any indications that the economic operator might include in its own submission.

1.2. Prospective economic operators are expected to examine carefully and comply with all the instructions, requirements and terms and conditions contained in this Expression of Interest.

1.3. Prospective economic operators are to duly fill in, endorse and submit the Application Form contained in Annex 1 of this Expression of Interest together with the required supporting documentation. Failure to submit an offer containing all the required information and documentation within the deadline specified may lead to the rejection of the offer. Offers containing incorrect information and/or missing the necessary supporting documentation would automatically be rendered invalid.

1.4. Prospective economic operators are to ensure that the contact details which they give in the Application Form pertain to the person who, if successful, shall enter into an agreement with the MAFF for the provision of food stalls during the event.

1.5. In submitting an application, economic operators undertake that their offer shall remain valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the submission deadline.

2. Timetable

Expression of Interest for participation open on: 22 June 2026

Clarification requests may be submitted via email by not later than: 30 June 2026 cob

Applications are to be submitted via email by not later than: 3th July 2026, 10:00am CET/CEST

Any clarification requests and/or the completed applications need to be submitted via email at the following address: **info.abattoirmalta.maff@gov.mt** indicating the following text in the subject field: Expression of Interest for the Maltese Sausage Festival Food Stalls. Applications may also be submitted by hand at the reception of the Public Abattoir within the same timeframe.

All applications will be acknowledged.

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

3. Requirements

3.1. Each economic operator may apply for one (1) food stall for the event.

3.2. The submission is to include the following:

- a. A duly filled in and signed Application Form and Declaration (Annex 1);
- b. Detailed menu featuring dishes that incorporate Maltese sausage as a key ingredient;
- c. Itemised price list;
- d. Brief description of the creativity and originality of the proposed dishes; and
- e. Checklist (Annex 2).

Should one or more of the above requirements and/or fields be missing and/or incomplete, the submission shall automatically be rendered invalid and will not be considered further.

3.3 – The Public Abattoir will be providing a tent as well as a wooden stand, together with electricity and water supply.

4. Selection and Evaluation

The Public Abattoir will strive to entertain all submissions. However, if the number of submissions is larger than ten (10) submissions will be evaluated as per below evaluation criteria:

Creativity and originality of dishes featuring Maltese sausage 40

Variety of food items incorporating Maltese sausage 30

Prices of food items 30

Total Weighting 100

Spaces will be awarded according to the logistical requirements set up by the MAFF for the event. Some economic operators may be put on a reserve list and contacted at a later date. Only submissions having the Maltese sausage as an ingredient will be considered.

The MAFF reserves the right to select and/or reject any or all of the submitted offers or to select multiple submissions as necessary to fulfil the needs outlined in this Expression of Interest document. Should none of the submissions be considered satisfactory, the MAFF reserves the right to assign the designated stalls to other economic operators who were not necessarily involved in this Expression of Interest. The decision of the MAFF in this regard is final and binding.

There is no participation cost. However, any economic operators who fail to attend on the day of the event will incur a penalty of €300.

Terms and Conditions

5. Products

5.1. The MAFF is seeking offers from economic operators who can showcase the versatility and cultural significance of the Maltese sausage through innovative and traditional culinary creations.

5.2. All food offerings must feature the Maltese sausage (Iz-Zalzett tal-Malti) as a primary ingredient. This is a mandatory requirement for participation.

5.3. Food stands must provide a menu with a detailed description of each item, highlighting how the Maltese sausage is incorporated. The menu should include a variety of preparations such as traditional dishes, innovative fusion creations, and modern interpretations.

5.4. Economic operators are required to source their Maltese sausages from certified local producers to support the local agricultural sector. Proof of traceability will be requested.

5.5. Each stand must clearly display a list of prices for each item on sale in a prominent area where it is easily viewable by the public. The prices offered should reflect current market practices and be reasonable for the event's target audience.

5.6. The economic operator must only sell items as approved by the MAFF and shall abide by the instructions given by the MAFF, before, during and/or after the event.

5.7. The economic operator must ensure that on the day of the event all staff is wearing clean and adequate food-safe clothing.

5.8. All food stalls must be equipped with a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket.

5.9. The economic operator must comply with the MAFF's sustainability policy as listed below:

- a. Packaging should be kept at a minimum and no products having unnecessary packaging shall be used and/or promoted.
- b. Using biodegradable or compostable disposables rather than single-use plastic where possible.
- c. All waste should be disposed of properly and responsibly in the separation bins available at the location.
- d. Economic operators are encouraged to consider adopting sustainable practices in their food preparation and service.

6. Set-Up and Dismantling

6.1. The successful economic operators must set up in the spaces indicated and agreed upon with the MAFF and must strictly not exceed the boundaries of the indicated spaces.

6.2. The setting up of the stalls/equipment must be completed on 31st July 2026 by not later than 18:30 hours. Vehicle access for setup will be coordinated with the Public Abattoir to ensure minimal disruption to the venue preparation.

6.3. The stalls/equipment must be dismantled once the event has ended. Every successful economic operator will have removed and cleaned any type of waste by 00:00 hours on 31st July 2026. It is the responsibility of the economic operator to ensure proper clean-up procedures are implemented and that no solid or liquid wastes whatsoever are left on-site.

6.4. Every economic operator must provide their own equipment, including wash-hand basins with both hot and cold water supply. Electrical and water supply will be provided by the MAFF for the operation of the stalls.

6.5. Any type of waste is to be collected and disposed of by the economic operator in accordance with local environmental regulations.

7. Permits and Licences

7.1. The selected economic operator/s shall conform to all the applicable legislation including the local health and safety regulations, any licenses and/or permits required to sell/trade. The MAFF reserves the right to request the economic operators to provide specific documentation including any required licenses and/or permits. Failure to provide any requested documentation may lead to the automatic forfeiture of the contract by the selected economic operator and the MAFF shall have no obligation whatsoever vis-à-vis the same economic operator.

7.2. The selected economic operator/s shall be in possession of a valid Food Handlers Certificate.

7.3. All members of staff serving food must use gloves and/or any other form of hygienic gear as required by food safety regulations.

7.4. Given the venue is a licensed food facility, additional health and safety protocols may apply, and selected operators must comply with all facility-specific requirements.

7.5. Participating economic operators are required to provide a fiscal receipt for all purchases.

8. General Provisions

8.1. If the selected economic operator/s is/are found to be in breach of the abovementioned terms and conditions, the MAFF and/or other competent local authorities may request it/them to close the stall and discontinue the sales with immediate effect. In such an event, the said economic operator/s will not be entitled to any compensation and shall be liable to settle any fines incurred by the competent local authorities. Any court proceedings resulting from any such breach/es shall be entirely borne by the economic operator/s concerned.

8.2. The selected economic operator/s shall have in place any necessary insurance policies including public liability, which covers any form of risks including damage, loss, bodily harm, death in relation to third parties. The MAFF shall not accept any liability whatsoever in any legal dispute as result of the economic operators/s actions/omissions during the event.

8.3. The MAFF reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time and shall in so doing, not be necessarily obliged to provide a reason for the termination.

Annex 1: Application Form and Declaration

Expression of Interest for the Maltese Sausage Day – event to be held at the Public Abattoir on 31st July 2026

Application Form and Declaration

Applicant's Details

Name	
Surname	
Address	
ID Card Number	
Mobile Number	
Email Address	
VAT Number	
Name of Company (if applicable)	
Company's Contact Number (if applicable)	

Declaration

I / We hereby agree to abide with all the terms and conditions contained in the Expression of Interest for the Maltese Sausage Festival Food Stalls.

I / We hereby declare that I do not fall under any of the grounds listed under Part VI of LN 352/2016 -- Exclusion Grounds.

I / We declare that no subcontracting in connection with this Expression of Interest shall take place unless the prior written consent of the MAFF is obtained. I / We shall be solely responsible for the execution of the contract and for the delivery of the service as requested by the MAFF in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Expression of Interest. The MAFF reserves the right to request additional documentation and justification for subcontracting requests and may at its discretion accept or reject such requests.

I / We declare that all information and documentation submitted as part of this Expression of Interest are true and correct. The submission shall automatically be rendered invalid and will not be considered further if any information provided is incorrect, inaccurate and/or false. In case of false declarations and/or documentation, the MAFF reserves the right to instigate legal proceedings against the economic operator.

I / We confirm that all proposed food items will feature Maltese sausage (Iz-Zalzett tal-Malti) as a primary ingredient, in accordance with the event requirements.

Name and Surname of Applicant (In Block Letters):
Signature of Applicant:
Date:

Annex 2: Checklist

The economic operator confirms that he/she/it has submitted the following as part of the submission:

1. ☐ Application Form and Declaration (Annex 1);
2. ☐ Detailed menu featuring dishes that incorporate Maltese sausage;
3. ☐ Itemised price list;
4. ☐ Photos/sketch illustrating the food stall design;
5. ☐ Brief description of the creativity and originality of the proposed dishes; and
6. ☐ This Checklist.

Name and Surname of Applicant (In Block Letters):
Signature of Applicant:
Date: