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MEA expresses concern about amendments to VAT Legislation

The Malta Employers' Association is concerned that the recent changes to the VAT legislation that enable the VAT commissioner to hypothec property an exaggerated deterrent giving disproportionate powers to the VAT Commissioner which treats businessmen like criminals.

This measure could negatively affect the operation of the business community in their dealings with the banks and, it is to be expected that banks will end up asking for extra guarantees to safeguard against such measures thereby rendering further restrictions to businesses and the expansion of the economy in general. Certainly the Government cannot add further disincentives to entrepreneurship.

There should be adequate consultation before such measures are introduced, since this measure will certainly not contribute to the economic growth that is so badly needed in Malta.