

## **PUBLIC WARNING STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL (CONSUMER AFFAIRS) WITHIN THE MALTA COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AUTHORITY**

16<sup>th</sup> October 2026

The Director General (Consumer Affairs), in terms of Article 8 of the Consumer Affairs Act (Cap. 378), is issuing this Public Statement by which she is identifying and informing the public that the following trader:

### **Sebastian Meschwitz – Thistle Lodge**

has been the subject of a decision by the Consumer Claims Tribunal which decision has not been honoured, despite several attempts having been made to secure compliance therewith.

The Tribunal ordered Mr Sebastian Meschwitz to refund the consumer the sum of three hundred and forty-seven euro and forty-one cents (€347.41) in connection with an accommodation booking at Thistle Lodge which the consumer had to cancel due to a situation encountered at the trader's premises, of which the consumer had not been informed prior to checking in at the accommodation, and which made it impossible for the consumer to stay at this accommodation.

Despite the opportunity afforded to Mr Meschwitz to comply with the Tribunal's decision, the amount due to the consumer remains unpaid.

This Public Statement is being issued in the interest of consumer protection and without prejudice to any other action which may be taken in accordance with the law. This notice does not constitute a decision on any matter other than that established in the Tribunal decision.

Grace Stivala  
Director General (Office for Consumer Affairs)