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Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transport and Telecommunication

**6. Pre-conditions**

**Safety**

Safety and security measures will have to be taken by the applicable store owners to ensure a safe and secure shopping environment for their shoppers e.g. consumers.

**Enforcement**

At present, since closing hours of businesses are in general after usual working hours of the economic controllers, police officers carry out the opening hours controls. Since the establishment of the Multi-Disciplinary Control Unit, consisting of economic, health, and labor controllers as well as members of the police force, the recommendation is to authorize this Control Unit to conduct controls pertaining opening hours. With the establishment of the Control Unit and therefore controls will be carried out on a consistent and regular basis, it's recommended to look into the possibility towards a more liberalizing approach of the business opening hours.

**7. EVALUATION**

This new Ministerial Decree and the Opening Hours Policy is valid for one year and will subsequently be evaluated after one year on its effectiveness and compliance, to determine whether to make it permanent.

  
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