

## COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA) AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE

## MAGISTRATE DR. AUDREY DEMICOLI

Sitting of the 19 th February, 2010

Number, 140/2010

## Pulizija (Inspector Geoffrey Azzopardi)

**VS** 

## Yaqiu Cavallo

The Court;

Having seen the charges brought against Yaqiu Cavallo of 37 years, daughter of De Fu Liu and Shu Yun nee' Wang, born in Liaoning, China on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1972 and residing at 68, Manoel de Vilhena Str., Gzira and holder of identity card number 40397A was arraigned before it and charged with having:

On the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 and on the previous dates in Malta:

- 1. taken in her employment, or gave work to, any person who was not an exempt person and was not in possession of a licence granted to him/her for the purpose of such employment or work under the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta; [Art 32 (1) (b), Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta].
- 2. The person responsible of the establishment Xin Yuan Chinese Massage Centre in B'Kara Road, St. Julian's, employed a person who is not a citizen of Malta, when this person did not possess a valid and official permit; [Art 7 of Legal Notice 110 of 1993].
- 3. As an employer, who employs another person whole-time, part-time or otherwise under a definite or indefinite contract or on probation, failed to notify the Employment and Training Corporation of such employment. [Art 3 (a) of Legal Notice 110 of 1993].

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charge brought against her, notwithstanding the fact that the Court warned her of the consequences of her guilty plea after having afforded her sufficient time within which to withdraw her guilty plea.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charge brought against her the Court has no alternative but to find the accused guilty of the said charge.

With regards to punishment the Court took into consideration the fact that the accused has a clean criminal record and the particular circumstances of the case as well as the fact that she filed a guilty plea at such an early stage of the proceedings.

The Court after having seen sections 32 (1) (b) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta and regulation 3 and 7 of Legal Notice 110/1993 declares the accused as guilty of all the charges brought against her and condemns her a fine of one thousand, one hundred and sixty-four euros and seventy euro cents (€1164.70) and in accordance with Article 14 (2) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, grants the

accused the possibility of paying such fine in monthly and consecutive installments of one hundred and ninety four euros and twelve euro cents (€194.12) and in case the accused fails to pay one installment the balance will be converted to imprisonment at the rate of eleven euros and sixty five euro cents (€11.65) per day.

In terms of section 401(3) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court orders that a copy of this judgement together with the acts of these proceedings are sent to the Attorney General within the time limit stipulated by Law.

< Final Judgement >
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