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Closing of Thomas Cook underlines importance of strengthening Insolvency Fund

Along with many others in the industry, the Malta Chamber's Tourism Business Section is saddened by today's news about Thomas Cook.

The Malta Chamber Tourism Business Section however notes that this means that consumer behaviour patterns are shifting quickly due to rapid developments in technology as well as Brexit, and with them the entire landscape. As the local economy still heavily depends on the tourism sector, the country cannot take such developments lightly. We need to ensure that risks to the sector are effectively mitigated.

The Chamber has also noted that the vast majority of holidaymakers' arrangements are covered through different types of financial protection: the majority are flight packages covered by ATOL, the UK's version of an Insolvency Fund.

It is in times like these, that the Chamber cannot but stress the importance of having a functioning Insolvency Fund that caters for similar situations happening in Malta. The Malta Chamber has expressed itself on the matter, and continues to underline the importance of strengthening such a structure to safeguard the rights of travellers.

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