

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****MT****MALTA****MT****General information**

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Provisions of the law of Malta concerning international-type search:	None
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