

MTIA 561/66

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET BY THE HON. MINISTER
OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

The Malta Chamber of Commerce is asking for a revision of the Commission Agents' registration and renewal fees payable to the Chamber in terms of the Commission Agents (Licences) Regulations, 1959.

2. The Chamber states that the level of the licensing fee is unrealistic and not commensurate with the Chamber's obligation to vet each and every export or re-export certificate, that additional staff has been taken on to meet the increased volume of work and that despite its efforts to economize the Chamber is still left facing a deficit at the end of the year.

3. The Chamber recommends that the registration and the annual renewal fees which had been revised in 1956 be raised from £3 to £6 and from 10/- to £3 respectively.

4. The Chamber is providing a service not only to its members but to the community at large and the recent employment of a research officer is an indication of the Chamber's intention to increase and to expand its activities. Commission agents are, moreover, benefitting directly from the current touristic and industrial boom and the increases in the fees will certainly not cause them any hardship.

5. Hon. Ministers may wish to agree to the proposed increases and to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to make the attached Commission Agents (Licences) (Amendment) Regulations, 1969. These have been legally vetted by the Crown Advocate General's Chambers.

14th August, 1969.

L.N. of 1969

COMMERCIAL CODE (Cap. 17)

Commission Agents (Licences) (Amendment)
Regulations, 1969

Date of commencement: 1st January, 1970.

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 76 of the Commercial Code, His Excellency the Governor-General has made the following regulations:-

Citation and commencement.

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Commission Agents (Licences) (Amendment) Regulations, 1969, and shall be read and construed as one with the Commission Agents (Licences) Regulations, 1939, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st January, 1970.

Amends regulation 3 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 3 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:-

(a) for the words and figures "three pounds (£3)" in paragraph (i) thereof there shall be substituted the words and figures "six pounds (£6)"; and

(b) for the words and figures "ten shillings (10/-)" in paragraph (ii) thereof there shall be substituted the words and figures "three pounds (£3)".