

MEMORANDUM TO THE CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM ON THE SUBJECT OF AN APPLICATION FILED BY PAUL PISANI ENTERPRISES REQUESTING THAT THEIR RESTAURANT (CORINTHIA PALACE, ATTARD) BE DECLARED "AN APPROVED CATERING ESTABLISHMENT"

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At a meeting held on October 5, 1962, the Malta Government Tourist Board considered an application by Messrs Paul Pisani Enterprises in which the applicants requested the Board to advise H.E. the Governor to declare their restaurant "an approved catering establishment" in terms of Section 25 of Ordinance XX of 1960.

2. Ordinance XX of 1960 provides for the grant of exemptions from or reductions of ad valorem duties on certain equipment imported for use in hotels and catering establishments. Section 25 lays down: "In Section 24 of this Ordinance "approved catering establishment" means an establishment purveying food and refreshments for consumption for reward on the premises which, having regard to the extent and nature of the services and amenities it provides, is for the time being approved by the Governor, after consultation with the Malta Government Tourist Board, for the purposes of this section".

3. The Board took cognisance of the fact that the "Corinthia Palace" was formerly known as the "Royal Hotel" and food and refreshments used to be purveyed on the premises. The Board also considered that the applicants had undertaken to spend more than £6,000 on decorations, structural alterations and on the purchase of catering and operational equipment and had, furthermore, submitted plans and drawings, duly signed by an architect, which gave an indication of the high standards which the applicants had in mind to provide.

4. The Board unanimously concurred that this establishment would make a contribution to the tourist industry and decided to recommend that H.E. the Governor be advised to declare the Corinthia Palace as "an approved catering establishment" in terms of Section 25 of Ordce. XX of 1960.

5. If Hon. Ministers agree, H.E. the Governor will be approached and advised accordingly.

31st October, 1962.