

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET
BY THE HON. THE PRIME MINISTER

Amendments to the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance
(Cap. 78)

It has been found necessary to effect three amendments to the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance:

(a) To exempt bona fide tourists from the obligation of taking out a licence for their transistor radios during short visits to Malta.

As the law stands at present, a tourist must take out a licence in order to be able to retain and make use of portable radios and transistor sets during his short sojourn on these Islands. The Chairman, Malta Government Tourist Board and now the Hon. Minister of Industrial Development and Tourism has been pressing for some time for the necessary amendment of the law as it is felt that similar restrictions might hamper tourism - SEC 2326/60 attached.

(b) To enable wireless licences to be issued by the Prime Minister.

Wireless Telegraphy is no longer a reserved matter. It is therefore necessary that the powers to issue rules and regulations thereanent so far vested with the Governor be in the hands of the Prime Minister who is in charge of wireless telegraphy.

(c) To make regulations to prevent interference by ignition engines, refrigerators, industrial machines, household electrical goods, etc.

So far there is no adequate provision of the law to prevent interference caused by similar appliances. Many complaints are continually lodged by holders of wireless sets and the enactment of appropriate regulations to prevent these interferences is felt necessary.

Hon. Ministers may wish to agree.

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