

Memorandum for Cabinet by the Minister of
Industrial Development and Tourism

Tunny Net restaurant, Melliena

The Third Schedule of the Import Duties Act, 1964 (Act No. XI of 1964) provides that the Governor General, after consultation with the Malta Government Tourist Board, may declare restaurants to be "approved catering establishments" which may import certain articles free of import duty.

2. An application under the said law has been received from Mr Joseph M. Demajo, of the "Tunny Net restaurant", Malliena Bay. The applicant has submitted details of the works as well as drawings of structural alterations which he is carrying out in his establishment, namely,

- (a) works or improvements already carried out at the restaurant or the extension on the seaward side of the building, have cost the proprietors £2,000. These include new floor tiles for the restaurant and kitchen, improvements to ventilation and also the addition of various kitchen equipment, as well as structural alterations to enlarge the kitchen and to extend the verandah;
- (b) further works or improvements which have yet to be carried out are estimated to cost not less than £3,000. This work will include a glass enclosure for the verandah, extending further the existing verandah to double its present area, and the construction of a miniature marina (for small boats). While, in effect, these do not constitute improvements to the restaurant, they can be considered as providing an enhanced amenity to the restaurant;
- (c) furthermore, the proprietors intend to purchase from abroad various articles of equipment, such as tables, chairs, kitchen and refrigerator units, cutlery, crockery and glassware, on which they will be effecting an expenditure of about £2,000.

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3. At a recent meeting the Board considered carefully this request. The Board noted that £2,000 had already been spent, and that a further expenditure of £5,000 was anticipated by the Company. It was also noted that the restaurant was one of the best in Malta and had made a name as a first class establishment with both Maltese patrons and tourists.

4. Hon. Ministers are invited to agree that His Excellency the Governor General should declare the Sunny Net restaurant, Mellieha, to be an "approved catering establishment for the purposes of the Third Schedule mentioned above.

7th September, 1965.