

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

The Lantern Bar, Valletta

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 Messrs A. Amato in respect of 'The Lantern Bar' at Sappers Street, Valletta. The applicants have submitted details of the works as well as a lay-out plan of the proposed structural alterations aimed at improving the premises.

3. The proprietors propose to spend an estimated £4,000 on these improvements which will include also the provision of new equipment and various other items designed to enhance the standard of the service available at the restaurant. This figure is well above the minimum of £3,000 laid down by the Board in its criteria.

4. The establishment is situated in a frequented part of Valletta and the improvements to be carried out will increase the popularity of this locality for tourists.

5. The members of the Malta Government Tourist Board have given careful consideration to this application and are satisfied that the restaurant falls within the criteria laid down by the Board, and that the request is in accordance with the provisions of Act No. XI of 1964.

6. Hon. Ministers are invited to agree that His Excellency the Governor-General be asked to declare the Lantern Bar to be an 'approved catering establishment' for the purposes of the Third Schedule mentioned above.

28th October, 1965.