

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Britannia Restaurant, 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 Mr J. Pace in respect of the Britannia Restaurant at Valletta. The applicant has submitted details of the improvements which he intends to carry out to enhance the standard of his establishment. It is proposed to instal a vast new refrigeration plant and three Coffee 'Espresso' machines which are estimated to cost some £3,850. Another £3,800 will be spent on electric mixers and other new catering and kitchen equipment.

3. The Britannia Restaurant is centrally situated vis-a-vis the principal sightseeing places in Valletta and attracts, besides local custom, an appreciable volume of tourist traffic. The total estimated cost of the proposed improvements exceeds £7,000, which figure is well above the minimum of £3,000 laid down by the Board in its 'criteria' for the approval of such catering establishments.

4. The members of the Malta Government Tourist Board have given careful consideration to this application. They have taken cognizance of the fact that the Britannia Restaurant would make a contribution to the tourist industry and that it is of a standard that deserves encouragement. The members 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.

5. Hon. Ministers are invited to agree that His Excellency the Governor-General be asked to declare the Britannia Restaurant, Valletta to be an 'approved catering establishment' for the purpose of the Third Schedule mentioned above.

28th October, 1965.