

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET
BY THE PRIME MINISTER

Registration of Aircraft

Validation of licences

Article 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 17 of the Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1961, (Legal Notice No. 10 of 1963) state that the Governor General shall be the authority for the registration of aircraft; that upon receiving an application for the registration of an aircraft and being satisfied that the aircraft may properly be registered, the Governor General shall register the aircraft; an aircraft shall not be registered if it appears that an unqualified person is entitled as owner to any legal or beneficial interest in the aircraft or any share therein; British Subjects (read in conjunction with the Independence Constitution, (this means Maltese Citizens) are entitled to own aircraft; an aircraft shall not fly unless there is in force in respect thereof a certificate of airworthiness issued by the Governor and there are in force maintenance schedules approved by the Governor; flight crew and engineers licences may be validated by the Governor.

2. Malta-Gozo Air Services Limited with registered office at 10/3 South Street, Valletta, has applied for the registration in Malta and for the issue of a Certificate of Airworthiness, approval of Maintenance Schedules, etc. to Britten Norman BN-2A Islander aircraft, constructor's Serial No. 73, at present bearing United Kingdom Registration G-AXFL. The Company has also applied for the validation of crew licences, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's licences, Aircraft Radio Maintenance Engineer's Licences, etc.

3. Malta-Gozo Air Services Limited has been formed for the purpose of, inter alia, providing charter flights to neighbouring countries, pleasure flights for tourists and others over the Maltese Islands; if an aerodrome is eventually built in Gozo, the Company would also operate, if licensed, a regular air service between the Islands.

4. Malta-Gozo Air Services Limited is a Malta registered Company (Registration No. C 1066) with the following Directors:-

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J. Parnis England, P.D. Albanese, M.H. Archer, J. Portelli, A. Zammit Tabona, E. Zammit Tabona, Baroncino M. De Piro d'Amico Inguanez, H. Lawrie and J.T. Crossey. It will be noted that apart from M. Archer and H. Lawrie all the other directors are Maltese who outnumber the non-Maltese by seven to two. It has been ascertained from the Registrar of Partnerships that, as on the 6th August, 1969, Maltese citizens owned 60% of the ordinary shares in the Company. The Company is consequently substantially owned and effectively controlled by Maltese citizens which together with the fact that it is registered in Malta, makes it eligible to own an aircraft which may be registered in Malta.

5. BN-2A Islander aircraft G-AXPL was given Certificate of Airworthiness No. A 10840 by the United Kingdom. The aircraft has been surveyed by the Air Registration Board who advise that a Certificate of Airworthiness in the Transport Category (Passenger) may be issued to the aircraft and be valid up to the 5th June, 1970.

6. A Maintenance Schedule has been prepared and has been submitted for approval.

7. Ministers are asked to agree that His Excellency the Governor General be advised to authorize the Director of Civil Aviation:

- i) to issue the Certificate of Registration by authority of the Governor General in respect of BN-2A Islander aircraft, Constructor's Serial No. 75, in the name of Malta-Gozo Air Services Limited. The registration marks will be 9H-AAB;
- ii) to issue, by authority of the Governor General the certificate of airworthiness to aircraft 9H-AAB;
- iii) to approve, by authority of the Governor General, the maintenance schedules for the aircraft;

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- iv) to issue or validate, by authority of the Governor General, pilots' licences and licences of aircraft maintenance engineers and aircraft radio maintenance engineers;
- v) in view of the purely technical aspects involved, to take similar action and to issue similar documents as above, in respect of other aircraft purchased by the same Company i.e. Malta-Gozo Air Services Limited.

14th August, 1969.

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