

Memorandum for the Cabinet by the Hon. Minister of Justice  
Change of designation of Emergency Ordinances

The imminent reprint of the Aids to Industries Emergency Ordinance, 1959, has brought home the realization of the utter undesirability of Emergency Ordinances continuing to be designated as such in 1965. It so happens that among the few Emergency Ordinances still in force there are three which are calculated to come more readily and frequently in the hands of foreign industrialists, travellers and tourists, viz. the Aids to Industries, the Tourist Board and the Exchange Control enactments.

The Crown Advocate-General has therefore suggested that consideration be given to the expediency of a change in designation, with necessary savings, including one designed to avoid duplication in the numbering and has drafted two alternative Bills, to meet the point raised in the following paragraph.

There is only one point for special consideration and that relates to the Malta Dockyard Emergency Ordinance. It may be desired to leave this to continue to be designated as an Emergency Ordinance to stress its political dissociation from any representative Maltese Legislature. If this is agreed, then the appropriate exception will be made in clause 2 of the Bill. Alternately, it may be desired to limit the change of designation to the three Emergency Ordinances aforementioned with the addition of the Housing (Decontrol) Emergency Ordinance - which are really the important ones.

L-Arkivji Nazzjonali ta' Malta

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entitled

AN ACT to provide that certain Emergency Ordinances shall be known as Ordinances and that references to such Emergency Ordinances in any existing law shall be construed as references to Ordinances.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Malta, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Emergency Ordinances (Change of Designation) Act, 1965.

2. (1) The Emergency Ordinances set out in the Schedule to this Act shall be known as Ordinances:

Provided that where the number of any such Emergency Ordinance enacted in any one year is the same as that of an Ordinance enacted in the same year, the number of the Emergency Ordinance shall be followed by the letter "A".

(2) Except where the context otherwise requires, references to the aforesaid Emergency Ordinances in any Act, Ordinance, regulation, order or other enactment in force on the date of commencement of this Act shall be construed as references to Ordinances.

(3) The provisions of this section shall not affect anything lawfully done under the said enactments prior to the commencement of this Act.

SCHEDULE

Section 2

Malta Government Tourist Board Emergency Ordinance, 1958  
Exchange Control Emergency Ordinance, 1959  
Housing (Decontrol) Emergency Ordinance, 1959  
Aids to Industries Emergency Ordinance, 1959

Objects and Reasons

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Provided that where the number of an Emergency Ordinance enacted in any one year is the same as that of an Ordinance enacted in the same year, the number of the Emergency Ordinance shall be followed by the letter "A".

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