

Memorandum for Cabinet by the Minister of
Industrial Development and Tourism

Dragut Restaurant, Sliema

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. Gatt of the "Dragut Restaurant", Sliema. The applicant has submitted details of the scheme he is carrying out. The restaurant has been newly-built and is situated at Qui-si-Sana, a locality frequented by tourists. An expenditure of over £3,000 has already been incurred by Mr Gatt out of an estimated total of not less than £7,000 to be spent on decoration and in providing new furniture and equipment. The services of a leading local artist have been engaged in the preparation of plans and drawings.

3. The members of the Malta Government Tourist Board have given very 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.

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