

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Palm Beach Restaurant, Baħar iċ-Ċaġħak

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 A.C.S. Thirsk, of T.S. & S. Limited, in respect of the Palm Beach Restaurant at Baħar iċ-Ċaġħak. The applicant has submitted details of the scheme he is carrying out. The former 'Palm Beach Hotel', which enjoyed a very good reputation with tourists and local patrons for good food and service, has recently been taken over by Messrs T.S. & S. Ltd. who are reconverting the building into a sophisticated bar and restaurant. Applicants have engaged the services of a local architect who has submitted a drawing of the proposed structural alterations, together with an estimate of the expected expenditure on these alterations as well as on the improvements, redecoration and the purchase of new furniture, fittings and equipment. The total cost involved is £4,500, which figure is well above the minimum of £3,000 laid down by the Board in its 'criteria', of which £2,179 will be spent on the importation of articles of equipment.

3. The establishment will have an open-air restaurant and applicants propose to apply for a beach concession in the vicinity. At a later stage of development applicants intend to provide hotel accommodation in the same establishment.

4. 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 1965.

5. Hon Ministers are invited to agree that His Excellency the Governor General should declare the Palm Beach Restaurant, Bahar ic-Ċagħak, to be an "approved catering establishment for the purposes of the Third Schedule mentioned above.

7th September, 1965.