

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF  
TRADE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

TO THE AIDS TO INDUSTRIES ORDINANCE

A number of difficulties have been encountered in the application of the Aids to Industries Ordinance to an intensified drive for the attraction of new industries.

2. As it is the avowed Government policy of ensuring the setting up of as many new industries as possible the Department of Industry has suggested a number of amendments to the Aids to Industries Ordinance, amendments which the Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture considers of major importance as they are meant to extend the field of activity of the Ordinance and to expedite consideration of projects.
3. These amendments which are considered vital in the normal course of things will become even more necessary when the Development Corporation, with its extended activities, starts considering applications for aid.
4. The amendments suggested by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Agriculture are the following:
  - (i) The substitution in Section 2 of the words  
"and includes an undertaking relating  
"to shipping and an undertaking  
"relating to a hotel" by the words:  
"and includes an undertaking relating  
"to a hotel which is situated in Malta  
"and an undertaking relating to  
"shipping which operates from Malta a  
"service in or outside Malta.
5. A number of applications by local shipping companies could not be considered for aid, because the services they are providing are outside Malta, and the relevant part of the law is very equivocal.
  - (ii) The curtailment of the period within which the Board shall consider a rejection for aid from 14 days to 6 days (para. 3 of the

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Second Schedule of the Ordinance)

This amendment will make **for** the desired speed.

(iii) The inclusion of a "professional" service as a service which qualifies for assistance.

The paucity of "professional" know-how in Malta has made this inclusion not only desirable but a sine qua non.

6. Ministers are requested to direct that these amendments be given the top-most priority in the interests of our industrial development.

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