

Memorandum for the Cabinetby the Honourable Prime Minister

(i) Registration of aircraft

(ii) 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. Messrs. Ripard, Larvan and Ripard (Aviation) Limited with registered office at 156 Ta' Xbiex Sea Front, Ta' Xbiex, have applied for the registration in Malta and for the issue of a Certificate of Airworthiness, approval of Maintenance Schedules, etc. to Piper Cherokee PA-28-180E aeroplane (landplane), Constructor's Serial No. 28-5603 manufactured by the Piper Aircraft Corporation, Lock Haven, PA., U.S.A. and at present bearing American registration N-2390R. The Company has also applied for the validation of crew licences, aircraft maintenance engineer's licences, aircraft maintenance engineer's licences (category Radio) etc.

3. Ripard, Larvan and Ripard (Aviation) Limited was registered on the 7th January, 1970, with the object of buying, selling, owning and operating aircraft of all sorts. They have been given the Piper aircraft agency for Malta. The initial issued share capital of the Company is £1500 divided into 1500 ordinary shares of £1 which have been subscribed, allotted and paid up as follows:-

John Ripard	500
Paul Ripard	500
Roger McCracken	500

John and Paul Ripard are citizens of Malta while Roger McCracken of Razzett tal-Bir, Old Xwieki Road, Naxxar, has been given a permit to work as partner of the Company Ripard, Larvan and Ripard.

3.1. In view of the above, it is accepted that the Company is 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.

4. Piper Cherokee aircraft N-2390R was given an export certificate of airworthiness by the American Federal Aviation Agency on the 13th August, 1969. On the basis of this certificate, the Air Registration Board advise that a Certificate of Airworthiness in the Private Category may be issued to the aircraft and be valid for a period of one month from date of issue.

5. The Maintenance Schedule for Club Aircraft, prepared by the Air Registration Board in collaboration with the Association of British Aero Clubs and Centres and accepted by the United Kingdom Ministry of Aviation will be followed by the owners of the aircraft. The schedule is enclosed.

6. Honourable Ministers are asked to approve that His Excellency the Governor General authorize the Director of Civil Aviation

- o (i) to issue the Certificate of Registration by authority of the Governor General in respect of Piper Cherokee aircraft, Constructor's Serial No. 28-5603, in the name of Ripard, Larvan and Ripard (Aviation) Limited. The registration marks will be 9H-AAC;
- (ii) to issue, by authority of the Governor General the certificate of airworthiness to aircraft 9H-AAC;
- (iii) to approve, by authority of the Governor General, the maintenance schedules for the aircraft;
- (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. Ripard, Larvan and Ripard (Aviation) Limited or by other companies or persons.

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