The following communication was received by the secretariat from the Permanent Mission of Malta.

I have the honour to refer to your letter XII/100 dated 23 January 1973 regarding the new procedures for Regular Consultations on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions under Article XVIII:12(b).

After acceding to the GATT, Malta had informed the secretariat of the restrictions then in force and asked that these should be considered as constituting a notification under the agreed procedures for residual restrictions which are set out in BISD, Ninth Supplement, pages 19 to 20.

Malta has so far never invoked balance-of-payments difficulties as justification.

Enclosed herewith please find a list of restrictions in force at present. The reasons for maintaining these restrictions have not changed since our original notification.

1Past notifications: 1965 L/2336/Add.1; 1967 L/2749/Add.3; 1968 L/2984/Add.11; 1969 L/3213/Add.2 and Rev.1.
ANNEX

List of Restrictions and Prohibitions

Freely licensed

ex 15.13  Margarine
ex 16.04  Mackerel, salmon, tuna, canned
ex 18.06  Chocolate Easter eggs
ex 20.02  Preserved canned globe artichokes
ex 20.06  Fruit in tins other than peaches and pears
ex 20.07  Fruit squashes
ex 21.07  Ice-cream mixtures other than unsweetened
ex 28.42  Crystal soda
ex 29.25  Saccharine and other similar sweetening agents for medicinal purposes
ex 32.09  Plastic emulsion and water paints
ex 34.01  Laundry soap
ex 34.02  Detergents
ex 36.06  Matches
ex 39.07  Shopping bags of rigid net or string
ex 42.02  Shopping bags not of plastic or leather
ex 42.02  Trunks, satchels
ex 42.02  Travelling bags of plastic, leather or canvas: (a) duffle bags,
(b) other types over 16 inches in length
ex 48.15  Toilet paper
ex 48.18  Exercise books
ex 48.19  Gummed paper labels, printed
ex 58.09  Lace (not with Malta emblems), machine-made if indelibly marked with the country of origin
ex 58.09  Lace, not in imitation of Malta lace
ex 59.01  Shoulder pads made of wadding
ex 60.02  and  Gloves
ex 61.10  Men's and children's socks other than of nylon/man-made fibres
ex 61.01  Jeans
ex 61.03 Men's and boys' shirts, not woven
ex 64.02 Footwear, leather
ex Chapter 71 Manufactured or semi-manufactured articles of gold (not including filigree)
ex 73.10 Building bars and rods
ex 74.19 Candlesticks other than of solid brass or bronze
ex 76.16 Venetian blinds
ex 85.19 Electrical wiring accessories
ex 85.19 Earth leakage circuit breakers
Chapter 94 Furniture whether in an assembled or in a knocked-down state as well as identifiable parts thereof (excluding wooden chairs)
ex 98.11 Cigar and cigarette holders (except those made of bone, ivory or silver) (dye-stamped with the country of origin)
ex 98.11 Smokers' ash receptacles (other than those made wholly of glass, and advertising ash-trays)
ex 98.11 Smoking pipes, costing more than 57s. f.o.b. per dozen
ex 99.00 Paintings in oil or water-colour (antiques)

Freely licensed (subject to approval by the Department of Health)

22.08 B Alcohols and glycols
29.25, 26, 30 Saccharine and other sweetening agents other than those for medicinal purposes

Freely licensed (subject to approval by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries)

01.01 Equines
01.02 Bovines
01.04 Caprines and ovines
ex 02.01 Meat of equines, bovines, caprines and ovines
ex 02.04 Meat of rabbits, of game; parts of dead poultry
ex 02.06 Pigs' feet
ex 04.05 Egg powder and egg albumen
ex 07.05 Horsebeans, chickpeas, dariseed, sorghum
10.03 Barley
10.05 Maize
ex 23.02 Bran, pollard, middlings
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<td>23.04</td>
<td>Cotton-seed cake</td>
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<td>Prepared animal feeding stuffs</td>
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<td>84.25</td>
<td>Mechanical graders for agricultural and horticultural produce</td>
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**Freely licensed (seasonal)**

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<td>07.01</td>
<td>Vegetables, fresh or chilled, of the local type</td>
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<td>08.02, 04</td>
<td>Fruits, fresh of the local type</td>
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**Licensed (subject to approval by the Milk Marketing Undertaking)**

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<td>ex 04.02</td>
<td>Cream, preserved other than canned</td>
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<td>Milk powder skimmed (with addition of 10 per cent sucrose), in bulk</td>
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<td>Milk powder, full cream, without additions of 10 per cent sucrose in bulk</td>
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<td>ex 04.04</td>
<td>Cheddar and Edam cheese</td>
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<td>ex 04.04</td>
<td>Cheese, grating and peppered</td>
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**Licence issued (subject to approval by Director of Industry)**

Tourist souvenirs and other articles advertising the Maltese Islands in any manner whatsoever.

**Licence issued (subject to price considerations)**

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<td>Milk evaporated and condensed</td>
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<td>Canary seed</td>
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<td>Sugar in bulk</td>
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<td>Cement</td>
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**Licence issued according to previous imports**

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<td>Bacon</td>
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<td>ex 15.07</td>
<td>Edible oil in containers exceeding 1 litre capacity</td>
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<td>ex 16.01</td>
<td>Sausages fresh, chilled or frozen</td>
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<td>ex 19.08</td>
<td>Cakes and puddings (rich fruit)</td>
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ex 20.04  Glace cherries
ex 20.06  Fruit in tins (peaches and pears)
21.06    Baking powder
ex 21.07  Jellies in crystal form, cream and custard powder
ex 22.05  Wine in bulk including must and grape juices
ex 30.04  Cotton wool
ex 34.06  Candles
ex Chapter 39 Plastic flexible cellular foam in blocks, sheets or chips
ex 04.02  Women's and children's handbags, of plastic or leather and fibre/
          fibreboard suitcases
ex 48.21 B Sanitary towels of paper
ex 49.11  Postcards with subjects of local interest
ex 55.09  Grey cotton cloth
ex 55.09  Sheeting of bleached cotton
ex 59.01 A Sanitary towels of wadding
ex 60.03  Ladies' nylon stockings and men's and children's socks of nylon/man-
          made fibres
ex 61.01  Men's trousers
ex 61.03  Men's woven shirts with collar attached
ex 62.05 C Other textile sanitary towels
ex 70.09  Glass mirrors (other than framed mirrors under 8 inches in length or
          diameter)
ex 73.39  Steel wool
ex 87.02  Used motor cars and vans
ex 94.01  Wooden chairs
ex 94.04  Spring mattresses
ex 96.02  Floor brooms

Prohibitions

01.03    Swine ¹
01.05    Poultry ¹
ex 01.06  Birds of the following species: Bramblefinch, chaffinch, crow and
          jackdaw, goldfinch, greenfinch, hawfinch, ortulan barting,
          scrinfinch, siskin, twite or linnet

¹Licences granted occasionally on recommendation of Director of Agriculture
  and Fisheries.
ex 01.06 Rabbits
ex 02.01 Meat (pork)
ex 02.02 Dead poultry
ex 04.01 Milk and cream fresh, yoghurt, rikotta
ex 04.05 Eggs, in the shell
ex 04.06 Natural honey
ex 10.01 Wheat in grain other than by state
11.01 Flour, including self-raising flour
ex 11.01 Semolina
ex Chapter 15 Cooking fats
ex 17.01 Sugar, icing
ex 17.04 Sugar almonds, helwa
ex 19.03 Macaroni, spaghetti and similar products
ex 19.07 Bread
ex 19.08 Cakes, pastries, puddings (plain)
ex 20.02 Tomato paste, canned tomatoes
ex 20.02 Peas canned
ex 20.02 Potato crisps
ex 20.04 Candied peel
ex 21.07 Ice cream
ex 21.07 Ice-cream mixtures unsweetened
ex 23.05 Lees in any stage, form or state
ex 25.01 Common salt
ex 27.11 Liquefied petroleum or natural gas
27.14,16 Bituminous emulsions
ex 28.04 Oxygen
ex 28.13 Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
ex 40.11 Motor car tyres, other than new
ex 42.02 Shopping bags of plastic or leather

1 Licences granted occasionally on recommendation of Director of Agriculture and Fisheries.
2 Licences granted in exceptional circumstances.
ex 44.21 Bottle crates for soft drinks.
ex 44.23 etc. Prefabricated houses
ex 46.03 Baskets and basketware of cane, willow or wicker
ex 48.19 Paper labels, printed, (other than gummed) of the type manufactured locally
ex 49.11 Theatre tickets and posters (including maps or plans of Malta) which can be produced locally
ex 49.11 Commercial letter-heads and other printed matter
ex 58.09 Lace (with Malta emblems)
ex 61.03 Boys' woven shirts with collar attached
ex 62.02 Bed sheets and pillow cases of grey cotton cloth
ex 62.03 A, B Flour and potato sacks of whatever material
ex 68.02 Worked marble stone
ex 68.11 Cement tiles (other than glazed wall tiles)
ex 71.12 Gold or silver filigree articles
ex 73.21 Collapsible iron gates (of the type manufactured locally)
ex 73.21 Metal doors and windows
ex 73.31 Iron nails (of the type manufactured locally)
ex 73.32 Wood screws (of the type manufactured locally)
ex 73.38, 40 Articles representing or incorporating a dolphin in embodied form whether in finished or partly finished state
ex 73.38 Baths exceeding 5 feet 6 inches in length
ex 73.40 Railings of an ornamental nature
ex 74.19 Candlesticks of solid bronze or brass
ex 84.52 Cash registers, calculating machines and similar machines, not suitable for currency in cents and mils
ex Chapter 84 Machinery for the production of aerated water, gas, macaroni, spaghetti and similar products, brooms, socks and stockings, filigree, tomato paste, water pumps as well as flour milling, refrigeration and ticket issuing machines
ex 85.15 Colour televisions
ex 85.20 Neon signs
ex 87.02 Motor hearses

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ex 87.02 Motor buses and bodies for motor buses, whether ready built or in a knocked-down condition
ex 87.06 Radiator cores
ex Chapter 93 Arms and ammunition
ex 97.04 Amusement automatic machines
ex 97.04 Billiard tables
ex 98.01 Buttons (other than those of leather or shell)
ex 98.11 Smoking pipes costing less than 57s. f.o.b. per dozen
ex 98.11 Pipe racks
ex 99.01 Paintings in oil or water colour framed or unframed, on any material (not antiques)

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