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and
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No. 8027. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA AND THE ROYAL GREEK GOVERNMENT ON VISA ABOLITION. LONDON, 1 OCTOBER 1965

I

*Note Verbale from the Malta High Commission in London
to the Royal Greek Embassy*

MALTA HIGH COMMISSION
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The Malta High Commission presents its compliments to the Royal Greek Embassy and has the honour to state that the Government of Malta is prepared to conclude with the Royal Greek Government an Agreement for the reciprocal abolition of visa requirements between Malta and Greece, in the following terms :

(1) Nationals of each country possessing valid passports shall be free to travel to any place of the other country for a period not exceeding three months on a single journey without the necessity of obtaining a visa.

NOTE : The new Maltese passports have been in circulation as from the 15th September, 1965. They are of the same size and colour as the British passports and bear the words " Malta Passport " and the Maltese crest printed in gold on the front cover. The national status of the holder is shown as " Commonwealth citizen : Citizen of Malta ".

It is to be noted that since Independence the same form of British passport has continued to be issued to citizens of Malta, although the national status of the holder is now being shown as stated above. British passports issued before Independence to British subjects belonging to Malta have not been withdrawn and still show the national status as " British subject : citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies ". The national status on some of these pre-Independence passports has however, been amended to read " Commonwealth citizen : Citizen of Malta ".

For some time to come, therefore, Maltese citizens will still be travelling with British passports showing their status either as " British subject : citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies ", or as " Commonwealth citizen : Citizen of Malta ".

To recapitulate, since the issue of the new Maltese passport, there are three types of passports in circulation, equally valid namely :

(a) British passports issued *before* Independence (national status described either as " British

¹ Came into force on 1 October 1965, in accordance with paragraph 6 of the said notes.

subject : citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies " or endorsed " Commonwealth citizen : Citizen of Malta ") ;

(b) British passports issued *after* Independence (national status described as " Commonwealth citizen : Citizen of Malta ") ; and

(c) The new Maltese passports (national status described as " Commonwealth citizen : Citizen of Malta ").

Passports (a) and (b) will of course remain in circulation until their normal validity has expired.

(2) The waiver of the visa requirement does not exempt Greek and Maltese Nationals coming respectively to Malta and Greece from the necessity of complying with the Maltese or Greek Laws and Regulations concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and employment or occupation of foreigners. Travellers who are unable to satisfy the Immigration Authorities of their respect for these Laws and Regulations will be liable to be refused to enter.

(3) The competent authorities of each country reserve the right to refuse leave to enter into the country to persons considered undesirable.

(4) Either Government may suspend the Agreement temporarily for reasons of public order and the suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through diplomatic channels.

(5) Either Government may denounce the Agreement, subject to three months' notice.

(6) The present Agreement will come into force on the 1st October, 1965.

The Malta High Commission has the honour to suggest, if the Royal Greek Government is prepared to accept the foregoing provisions, that the present Note and the Royal Greek Embassy's reply in similar terms should be considered as placing on record the agreement reached between the two countries.

The Malta High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Greek Embassy the assurance of its highest consideration.

London 1st October, 1965

II

Note Verbale from the Royal Greek Embassy to the Malta High Commission in London

AMBASSADE ROYALE DE GRÈCE

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The Royal Greek Embassy presents its compliments to the Malta High Commission and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of its Note No :

HCL 16/39 of to-day's date informing that the Government of Malta is prepared to conclude with the Royal Greek Government an agreement in the following terms :

[See note I]

The Royal Greek Embassy on instructions from the Royal Greek Government has the honour to confirm the provisions set out in the Malta High Commission's Note which, with the present reply, shall be regarded as placing on record the Agreement reached between the two Governments.

The Royal Greek Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Malta High Commission the assurance of its highest consideration.

London, 1st October, 1965