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and
MALTA**

**Agreement for the exchange of money orders. Signed at
Valletta on 26 June 1980**

Authentic text: English.

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA FOR THE EXCHANGE OF MONEY ORDERS

The Government of Australia and the Government of Malta desiring to continue arrangements for the exchange of money orders, the undersigned duly authorised by their respective Governments, have agreed upon the following articles:

Article 1. There shall be a regular exchange of money orders between Malta and Australia.

Article 2. The exchange of money orders shall be performed by the exchange offices designated for this purpose by the Postal Administration of each Government.

Article 3. (1) The amounts of each money order listed in both directions shall be expressed both in Australian and in Maltese currencies, provided that no money order shall contain a fractional part of a cent.

(2) Each Postal Administration shall advise the other of the rate of conversion adopted for the listing of the orders.

(3) The maximum amount of each money order shall be determined by mutual consent between the two Postal Administrations.

Article 4. All payments for money orders whether to or by the public shall be made in the legal money of the country of issue or payment as the case may be.

Article 5. (1) Each Postal Administration shall have the power to fix the charges to be collected by it, including fees for advice of payment.

(2) Each Postal Administration shall retain its own charges, but each Postal Administration shall pay the other one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of one (1) percent on the amount of money orders issued in its country and advised to the other Postal Administration.

Article 6. The manner and conditions of issuing and paying money orders shall be governed, as regards issue, by the regulations existing in the country of issue, and, as regards payment, by the regulations existing in the country of payment.

Article 7. The remitter of a money order may apply for an advice of payment of the order at the time of issue or within twelve months after the end of the month of issue.

Article 8. (1) The period of validity of money orders shall be fixed by the originating Postal Administration and shall be specified in a supplementary advice to the other Postal Administration. After the expiration of this period money orders shall lose their validity and the amounts shall be placed at the disposal of the originating Postal Administration in a list of unpaid money orders.

¹ Came into force on 26 June 1980 by signature, in accordance with article 13 (1).

(2) Repayment of a money order shall not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained, through the paying Postal Administration, that the original has not been and will not be paid.

Article 9. Each Postal Administration may exchange money orders with other countries with which it does not maintain the direct exchange of money orders, under the conditions to be settled by mutual consent between the two Postal Administrations and through the medium of the other Postal Administration provided that the latter maintains the exchange of money orders with those countries.

Article 10. Accounts relating to money orders shall be prepared quarterly and settled in Australian or Maltese currency as the case may be.

Article 11. When either of the Postal Administrations finds itself obliged, owing to extraordinary circumstances, temporarily to suspend the money order service, either wholly or in part, it shall at once notify that fact, if necessary by telegraph, to the other Postal Administration.

Article 12. Matters necessary to insure the execution of the present Agreement shall be settled by mutual consent between the two Postal Administrations.

Article 13. (1) The present Agreement shall be approved by each Contracting Party in accordance with its legal procedures and thereafter shall enter into force upon signature.

(2) The present Agreement shall continue in force until twelve months after either of the Contracting Parties shall have notified the other of its intention to terminate it.

Article 14. The present Agreement shall terminate and replace, as between the Contracting Parties, the Convention for the Exchange of Money Orders between the Postal Administration of Malta and the Postal Administration of the Commonwealth of Australia, signed in Valletta on 26 October 1923 and in Melbourne on 18 December 1923.

DONE in duplicate and signed at Valletta on the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eighty.

For the Government
of Australia:

[Signed — Signé]¹

Acting High Commissioner

For the Government
of Malta:

[Signed — Signé]²

Postmaster General

¹ Signed by G. T. Pretyma — Signé par G. T. Pretyma.

² Signed by G. W. Borg — Signé par G. W. Borg.