CHAPTER 274

MINISTRY OF TOURISM ACT

To make provision with respect to the functions of a Ministry having responsibility for tourism, to make other provision with respect to tourism, and to provide for matters relating or ancillary thereto.

(3rd December, 1977)*

Enacted by ACT XXXVI of 1977.

1. This Act may be cited as the Ministry of Tourism Act. Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires - Interpretation.

"Minister" means the Minister appointed as Minister of Tourism or the Minister to whom responsibility for tourism has been assigned;

"Tourist Board" means the Malta Government Tourist Board established by the Malta Government Tourist Board Ordinance, 1958†.

3. (1) It shall be the function of the Minister to promote and develop tourism in Malta and, without prejudice to the other provisions of this Act and to any other function or power, the Minister shall have power to do all that he may deem necessary for that purpose or conducive thereto. Functions of the Minister.

(2) In the discharge of any of his functions, the Minister may delegate any of his powers to any public officer, or other person or authority, and may also act through any such officer, person or authority.

4. Where a body of persons, whether it is a corporate body or not and whether it has or has not a legal personality distinct from that of its members, is set up with the object of carrying out functions related to the promotion and development of tourism in Malta and is, for the time being, recognized by the Minister for the purposes of this article, the Minister shall exercise such of his functions as he may deem appropriate in consultation with such body or by delegating any of such powers to the body aforesaid. Recognized organization.

5. Where any function or power is delegated to or otherwise exercised through another person or authority under this Act, such function or power, including any judicial act or proceedings, may be exercised by and in the name of the delegate or other agent, or by such delegate or other agent for and on behalf of the Minister. Delegation of functions.

6. The Minister may make regulations to give better effect to any of the provisions of this Act and for the better performance of any of his functions under this Act, and without prejudice to the Power to make regulations.

**See* article 1(2) as originally enacted, which subarticle has been omitted under the Statute Law Revision Act 1980 and Legal Notice 149 of 2nd December, 1977.
†Repealed by article 7(1) of the Act as originally enacted, which subarticle has been omitted under the Statute Law Revision Act, 1980.

generality of the foregoing, may by such regulations -

(*a*) prescribe, regulate or otherwise make provision for any matter connected with the promotion of tourism;

(*b*) regulate or otherwise make provision for any matter connected with the administration or management of any organization recognized by him for the purposes of article 4, or connected with the functions of any person or authority to whom such functions are delegated under this Act, including the management of and accounting for, any funds pertaining to or administered by such organization, or administered by such person or authority as aforesaid in the discharge of their functions;

(*c*) prescribe, and otherwise make provision for the levying or collection of fees, charges and other payments for services or in respect of matters connected with tourism, and regulate matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto.

Savings.

7. With effect from the commencement of this Act -

(*a*) all the functions and powers hitherto vested in the Tourist Board shall vest in the Minister and be exercisable by him;

(*b*) all moneys and other property hitherto belonging to, or administered by or available to the Tourist Board, and in particular any sums paid to the said Board or which may still be available to it under the provisions of the Malta Government Tourist Board Ordinance, 1958* shall vest in or belong or be available to, the Minister under the same title and in the same manner and circumstances;

(*c*) deeds of whatever nature, and all contracts and other commitments which, immediately before the commencement of this article, were binding on or in favour of the Tourist Board shall, on the commencement thereof, become binding on or in favour of the Minister as if he were named therein or were a party thereto in place of the said Board.

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*Repealed by article 7(1) as originally enacted, which subarticle has been omitted under the Statute Law Revision Act, 1980.