I assent.

(L.S.)

ĊENSU TABONE
President

3rd April, 1990

ACT No. XI of 1990

AN ACT to amend the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance (Cap. 49)

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Wireless Telegraphy (Amendment) Act, 1990, and shall be read and construed as one with the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance (Cap. 49), hereinafter referred to as "the principal law".

(2) Sections 3 and 5 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 14th December, 1989.

Amendment of section 2 of the principal law and consequential general amendment.

2. (1) Immediately after the definition of "Malta" in section 2 of the principal law, there shall be added the following new definition:

""Minister" means the minister responsible for wireless telegraphy and except for the power to make regulations granted to the Minister by this Ordinance, includes any public officer acting under his authority;".

(2) In the principal Act, for the words "Minister responsible for wireless telegraphy" wherever they occur, there shall be substituted the word "Minister".

Amendment of section 3 of the principal law.

3. Immediately at the end of subsection (1) of section 3 of the principal law there shall be added the following proviso:

"Provided that no licence shall be required for sound only broadcast receivers.".

Amendment of section 6 of the principal law.

4. For the words a fine of "twenty-five cents" in the proviso to section 6 of the principal law, there shall be substituted the words "a penalty of ten Maltese liri", and for the word "Fine" in the marginal note thereto, there shall be substituted the word "Penalty".

Substitution of section 11 of the principal law.

5. For section 11 of the principal law there shall be substituted the following:

"Licence to be issued by the Minister.

11. (1) The licence to keep and use a wireless telegraphy installation required by this Part of this Ordinance may be issued by the Minister to the owner of a ship or his agent applying for the same as soon as the Minister shall have received from the surveyor or inspector the certificate aforesaid:

Provided that the Minister may, notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, issue a provisional licence for a period of not more than six months, on the first registration of a vessel under the Maltese flag, in such circumstances and under such conditions as he may deem appropriate.

(2) A licence shall be valid for the period, not being more than a period of thirty-six calendar months as may be stated in the licence and may be renewed for successive periods each not being of more than thirty-six months, as may be stated on renewal.".

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 357 of the 21st March, 1990.

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Speaker

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