

HISTORY OF TELECOMMS. & ELECTRICITY ISSUE

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Date of Issue	June 15, 1995
Values	2c, 5c, 9c, 14c, 20c
Stamp Size	27mm x 33mm
Art Designer	Maurice Tanti Burlò
Printers	Printex Limited
Process	Lithography
Perforation	14 x 13.75
Watermark	Maltese Crosses Sideways
Paper	Chalk Surfaced
Gum	PVA

Colours

This issue was printed in the four-colour process using the standard CMYK (Cyan-Magenta-Yellow-Black) process colours. The progressive sheets were printed in the following order: Black, Cyan, Magenta and Yellow.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter were printed in four different places on the margins, of each Pane, of each value. These are seen next to the first and last stamps, of the top and bottom rows. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers from left to right, in all Panes, of all values.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps, are seen in the bottom margin only, printed in black, in all Panes, of all values.

The Printed Sheet of each value consisted of three Panes A, B and C. Each Pane has fifty stamps made up of ten rows of five stamps. All values are of the vertical format.

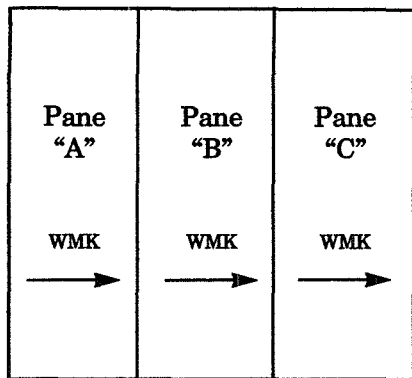
Perforation of Margins

The top margins of Panes A, B and C of all values, are imperforate. The other three margins of these same Panes are all perforated. Other printing marks were seen at each corner of the Printed Sheet and they may have been seen at each end of the left hand margin of Panes A and at each end of the right hand margin of Panes C, of all values.

Plate/Pane Numbers

These like the colour checks, are printed in four different positions on the margins, of each Pane, of each value. They are seen above the first and last stamps of the top row and also under the first and last stamps of the bottom row.

2c	=	1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4
5c	=	1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4
9c	=	1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4
14c	=	1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4
20c	=	1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4



From a study of details given, the Printed Sheet of each value before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in the figure. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, stamps of all values would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark is sideways in all values. Perforator ran from top to bottom.

Imprint Blocks

The Imprint 'PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA' is seen below the middle or third stamp, of the bottom row, in each Pane, of all values,

printed in black. An Imprint Block of six would contain the Imprint, the Colour Checks and the Plate/Pane numbers.

A special hand-postmark was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

This set remained on sale up to June 19, 1996 unless stocks were previously exhausted.

Up to 12.45pm on the first day of issue, sales amounted to Lm20,356.