

XXV OLYMPIAD 1992 ISSUE —X HISTORICAL BUILDINGS —Y

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Date of Issue	24.6.92	5.8.92
Values	3c, 10c, 30c	3c, 4c, 19c, 25c
Stamp Size	44mm x 31mm	3c and 19c: 31mm x 44mm 4c and 25c: 44mm x 31mm
Designer	Harry Borg	Norbert Attard
Printers	Printex Limited	same
Process	Lithography	same
Perforation	14 x 14	3c and 19c: 14 x 13.9 4c and 25c: 13.9 x 14
Watermark	Maltese Crosses Sideways	3c and 19c: Maltese Crosses Upright 4c and 25c: Maltese Crosses Upright
Paper	Chalk Surfaced	same
Gum	P.V.A.	same

Colours

Issue X was printed in multicolours using the same four colours for each value. Issue Y was printed in solid colours using three different colours for each value, with two of them being common for each value.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter are seen in the right hand margin, next to the last stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers, from left to right, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in black, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Printed Sheets

Issue X — The Printed Sheet of each value, consisted of two Panes, A and B. Each Pane has fifty stamps, made up of five rows of ten stamps. All values are of the horizontal format.

Issue Y — The Printed Sheet of each value consisted of two Panes, A and B. Each Pane of the 3c and 19c values has fifty stamps, made up of ten rows of five stamps. Each Pane of the 4c and 25c values also has fifty stamps but made up of five rows of ten stamps. The 3c and 19c values are of the vertical format whilst the 4c and 25c values are of the horizontal format.

Perforation of Margins

Issue X — The top margin of Pane A of each value is imperforate, whilst the other three margins of this same Pane and the four margins of Pane B are all perforated. Other printing marks could have been seen at each end of the bottom margin of Panes B, of all values.

Issue Y — In the 3c and 19c values, the left hand margin of Pane A is imperforate,

whilst the other three margins of Pane A and the four margins of Pane B are all perforated. In the 4c and 25c values, the top margin of Pane A is imperforate, whilst the other three margins of Pane A and the four margins of Pane B are all perforated. Other printing marks could have been seen at the top and bottom of the left hand and right hand margins of Panes A and B respectively, in the 3c and 19c values. In the 4c and 25c values, similar marks could only have been seen at each end of the bottom margin, of Panes B of both values.

Plate/Pane Numbers

These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y.

Issue X —	3c =	1A x 4, 1B x 4	Issue Y —	3c =	1A x 3, 1B x 3
	10c =	1A x 4, 1B x 4		4c =	1A x 3, 1B x 3
	30c =	1A x 4, 1B x 4		19c =	1A x 3, 1B x 3
				25c =	1A x 3, 1B x 3

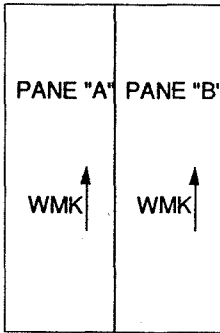


Fig. (a)

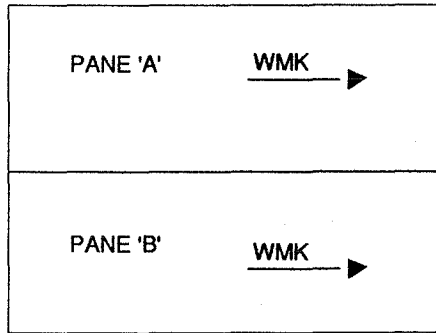


Fig. (b)

From a study of details given, the Printed Sheets of all values, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in fig (a) for the 3c and 19c values of issue Y and as shown in fig (b) for the 4c and 25c values of issue Y, and all values of issue X. Looking at the Printed Sheets as shown, stamps would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark is upright in the 3c and 19c values of issue Y and sideways in the 4c and 25c values of issue Y and in all values of issue X. Perforator ran from left to right in fig (a) and from top to bottom in fig (b).

Imprint Blocks

The Imprint "PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA" is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, in issues X and Y. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. An Imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks.

Special hand-postmarks, incorporating appropriate motifs, were used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

By 12.45pm on the first day of issue, sales amounted to Lm24,500 (Issue X) and Lm (Issue Y). Stamps of these issues remained on sale up to June 23, 1993 (issue X) and up to August 5, 1993 (issue Y) unless stocks were previously exhausted.