

# Collecting Self Adhesive Registration Labels

by Hadrian Wood

“Buying” and “Selling” advertisements of registration labels, which have recently appeared in some sections of the philatelic press, have induced me to start a collection of locally used Self Adhesive Registration Labels. This *new* type of label was introduced in Malta, and used for the first time at the Gzira Post Office in 1984. It has since gradually replaced the normal registration labels in almost all Post Offices on the Islands. I say “almost” as at the time of writing, Wied-il-Ghajj and Fgura Sub Post Offices in Malta, and Mgarr Branch Post Office in Gozo, are still using up old stocks of registration labels.

To my surprise I discovered that keeping a collection up to date by trying to obtain an example of every variety of label issued is no easy task. Having a regular source of commercially used registered mail is an enormous help, but is unlikely to solve all your problems. My supply of this type of material mainly originates from Government Departments, the GPO and major BPOs, and seldom includes covers from Sub Post Offices or from Post Offices in Gozo.

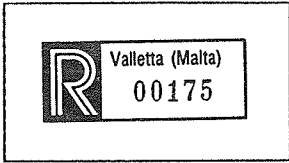
Nor is it enough to visit a Post Office and post oneself a registered cover, in the belief that you have secured the only label in use, as I found at my cost. One has also to find out whether other labels, of another variation, are being used at that same office. The GPO and one or two of the larger Branch Post Offices may, at times, be using two, or perhaps even three, different labels concurrently.

Another problem I encountered is that, unlike stamps, no advance notice is given whenever a fresh supply replaces an exhausted stock. The new labels usually turn out to be of a different design to the ones used previously. In order to keep abreast, one has to exchange notes with friends who have similar interests, as well as “inspect” labels in use whenever the need arises to visit a Post Office.

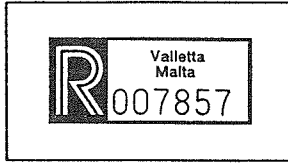
Some collectors are reluctant to remove labels from their registered covers. This is understandable. I experienced the same hesitation myself at first, and still do at times. I solved this problem by cutting out labels *only* from duplicate, damaged or extra large covers, which I consider surplus to my collection of registered mail. In this way I eased my conscience and satisfied my collecting whim at the same time.

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SELF ADHESIVE  
REGISTRATION LABELS  
GENERAL POST OFFICE

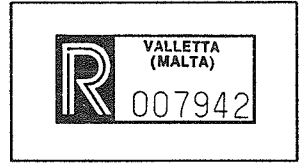
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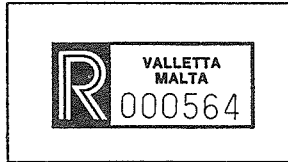
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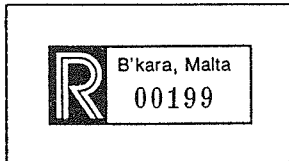
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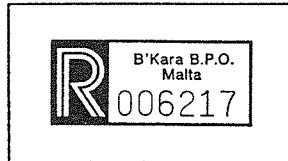
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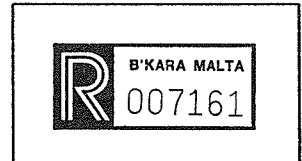
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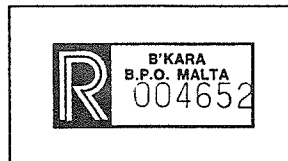
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**REGISTRATION LABELS**  
**BRANCH POST OFFICES**

**COSPICUA**



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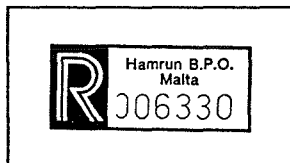


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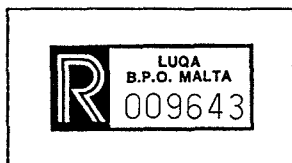


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**LUQA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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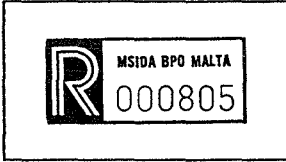
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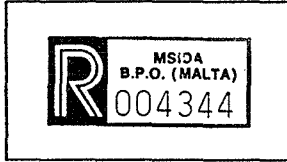
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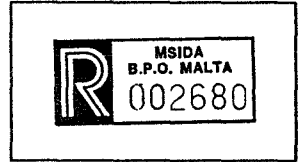
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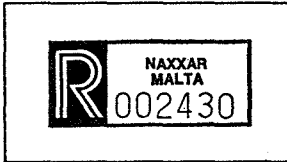


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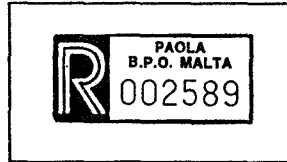
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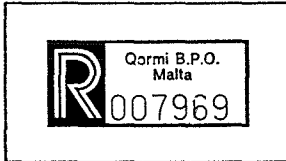
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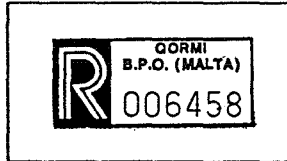


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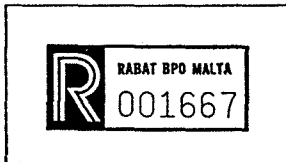


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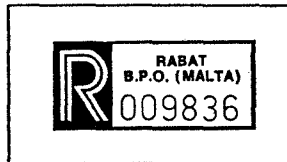


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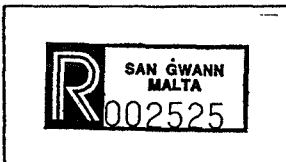


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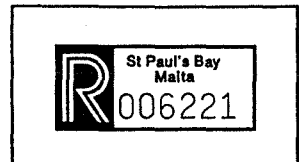
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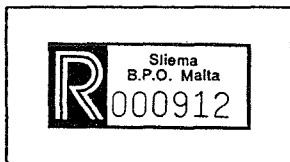
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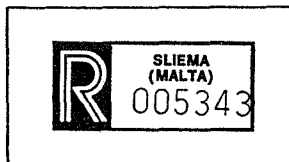
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**BRANCH POST OFFICES**

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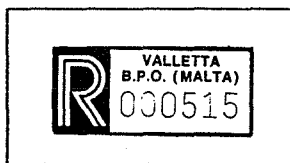


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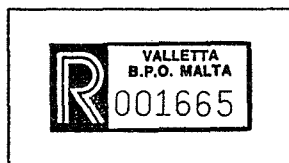


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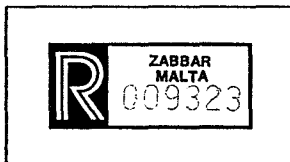


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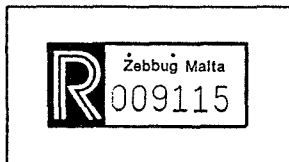
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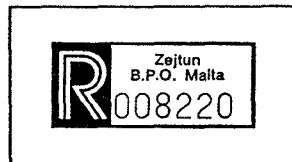
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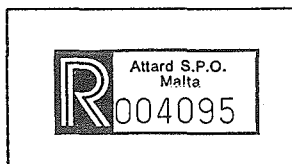
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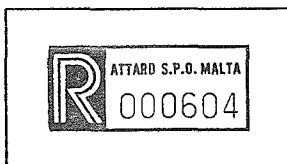
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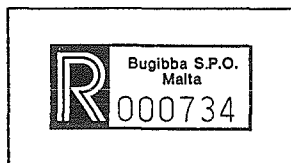
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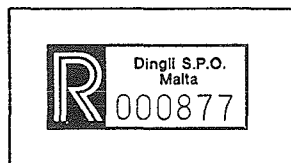
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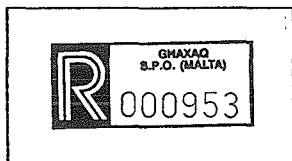
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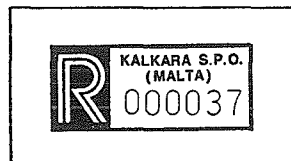
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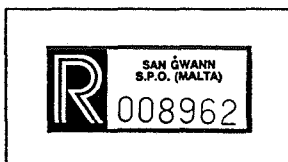
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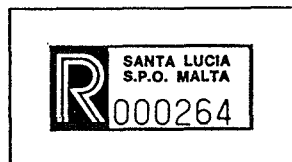
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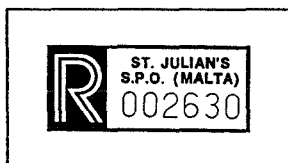
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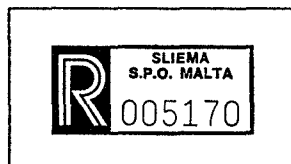
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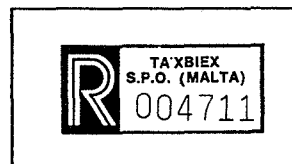
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GOZO

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VICTORIA



08 JAN 87

GHAJNSIELM



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GHARB

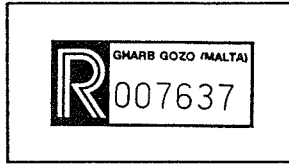


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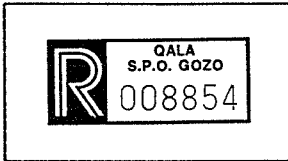
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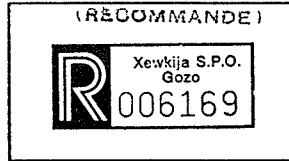
SUB POST OFFICES

QALA



27 NOV 89\*

XEWKIJA



15 FEB 88\*

XLENDI



10 JUN 92\*

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NOTE: OTHER DATES GIVEN ARE THE EARLIEST DATES OF USE KNOWN TO ME.  
SOME LABELS MAY HAVE BEEN IN USE MUCH EARLIER.

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