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British Consul General talks tourism in Palma

British Consul General Lloyd Milen held talks with Andreu Serra the Director of the Council of Majorca's tourism department and his team yesterday. The talks were described as fruitful and helpful.



SPAIN IN TROUBLE

Big European Union fine

● The European Union's top court fined Spain 15 million euros yesterday for failing to adopt EU rules protecting personal data during police investigations.

The country must also pay an extra 89,000 euros for each day that the infringement continued, the court said.

The EU adopted rules in 2016 aimed at protecting individuals' personal data when it is processed by police and criminal justice authorities. Spain missed the May 2018 deadline to transpose the EU rules into national law, prompting the European Commission to take legal action.

The court said Spain had failed to fulfil its obligations, and ordered the government to pay a lump sum of 15 million euros, plus a daily fine of 89,000 euros.

Cheers to Tuesday's re-opening

● Bars and restaurants can open until 5p.m. See Inside.

Britain will still be able to get Majorca potatoes



Palma.—Majorca has been exporting potatoes to the United Kingdom since 1927 and future exports are now guaranteed because the British Government has agreed to change the regulations and allow Majorcan potatoes to be sold in the

British market. Conditions for exporting companies are not the same as they were before Brexit, because London requires a phytosanitary certificate with more demanding standards than before, now that the potato has been classified as

a 'high priority product'. "We will have to carry out some controls with a stricter certification and go through customs, but we are looking forward to seeing what the new situation will be like," said Joan Mateu, of Mateu Export. "The

main thing is that we will guarantee the phytosanitary quality which has been achieved thanks to the efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Producers and pressure from our customers."

Alarm bells sounded a

month ago when the UK said that in order to export potatoes, producers would have to prove that the land they were grown in is free from the bacteria *Globodera Behrens* and *Globodera Rostochiensis*. That requirement made it impos-

sible to sell sa Pobra potatoes in Britain because the bacteria is endemic in Majorca.

The Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries wrote to the UK's Agriculture Minister, George Eustice, explaining the situation.