

Passengers waiting for a flight near the

check-in booths for Alitalia

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Alitalia – Linee Aeree Italiane S.p.A. was established on 16 September 1946 as Aerolinee Italiane Internazionali. It was formed as a result of an Anglo-Italian agreement and was funded by the Italian Government and British European Airways (BEA) in a 60/40 share arrangement with a capital of 900 million lire (£1,000,000). Its popular name, Alitalia, was an Italian portmanteau of the words ali (wings) and Italia (Italy). It started operations on 5 May 1947, in which year it carried over 10,000 passengers.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.3 x 30.3 cm (8 x 11 7/8 in.)