

---

**PART II**

**Subsidiary Legislation under the International Organizations (Immunities and Privileges) Act (Chapter 14)**

**CHAPTER 14**

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION SATELLITE ORGANIZATION) ORDER, 1990**

(SECTION 3)

*S.I. 30/1990*

*[Commencement 8th June, 1990]*

1. This Order may be cited as The International Organizations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Telecommunication Satellite Organization) Order, 1990.

Citation.

2. The International Telecommunication Satellite Organization (in this Order referred to as “the Organization”) is an Organization of which the Government of The Bahamas and the governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

The Organization.

3. (1) The Organization shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate and, except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, immunity from suit and legal process.

Legal capacity.

(2) No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

4. The Organization shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to Her Majesty.

Official archives and premises.

5. The Organization shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign Power.

Relief from taxes.

6. The Organization shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the Organization for its official use in The Bahamas or for exportation, or on the importation of any publications of

Exemption from taxes.

the Organization directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Comptroller of Customs may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.

Importation of goods.

7. The Organization shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of communications satellites, their components or parts or other goods used in connection therewith and directly imported or exported by the Organization for its official use and in the case of any publications of the organization directly imported or exported by it.

Reduced rates on telegrams.

8. The Organization shall have the right to avail itself, for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matter intended for publication by the press or for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or despatched from places outside The Bahamas), of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

Immunities and privileges of representatives of members.

9. (1) Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the governments whom they represent, representatives of Parties, representatives of Signatories and persons participating in Arbitration Proceedings shall in the exercise of their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting enjoy —

- (a) the like immunity from suit and legal process as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign power accredited to Her Majesty;
- (b) the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to such an envoy;
- (c) the like inviolability of residence as is accorded to such an envoy;

(2) For the purposes of the application of this Order, the expression “representatives” shall be deemed to include, in addition to the representatives, the following members of their official staffs accompanying them as such representatives —

- (a) heads of delegations;
- (b) alternate representatives;
- (c) advisers;

and Part IV of the Schedule to the Act shall not operate so as to confer privileges or immunities on the staffs of

---

representatives other than on those persons falling within the above-mentioned descriptions.

(3) The provisions in the preceding paragraphs of this Order shall not confer any immunity or privilege on any persons the representative of the Government of The Bahamas or as a member of the staff of such representative or on any person who is a citizen of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

**10.** Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organization, the Director General of the Organization (including any officer acting for him during his absence from duty) shall be accorded in respect of himself, his spouse and his children under the age of twenty-one, the like immunity from suit and legal process, the like inviolability of residence and the like exemption or relief from taxes, other than income tax, as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to Her Majesty, his spouse and children, and exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by him as an officer of the Organization. High officials.

**11.** Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Organization, persons employed by the Organization shall enjoy — Other officials.

- (a) immunity from suit or legal process in respect of words spoken or written and acts done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties;
- (b) inviolability of all papers and documents relating to the work of the Organization;
- (c) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers or servants of the Organization.

**12.** The names of the persons to whom the provisions of paragraphs 9 and 10 apply shall be set forth in a list compiled and published from time to time by the Minister under section 4 of the Act, and such list shall show in regard to each person the date as from which, for the purposes of this Order, he first held the office or employment in question and the date when he ceased to hold that office or employment. List of names.