

F. General

List of names.

13. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this Order 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.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION) ORDER

G.N. 142/1956

(SECTION 3(2))

[Commencement 4th August, 1956]

A. The Organisation

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Universal Postal Union) Order.

The Organisation.

2. The Universal Postal Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Union”) is an Organisation of which Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

Legal capacity.

3. The Union 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. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

Official archives and premises.

4. The Union 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.

Relief from taxes.

5. The Union 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.

Exemption from taxes.

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

the importation of any publications of the Union 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.

7. The union shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the Union for its official use and in the case of any publications of the Union directly imported or exported by it.

Importation of goods.

8. The Union 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.

Reduced rates on telegrams.

B. 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 members at Congresses, on the Executive and Liaison Committee, at administrative conferences or on commissions provided for in the constitution of the Union, or on any committee of any of these bodies shall enjoy —

Immunities and privileges of representatives of members.

- (a) while exercising their functions as such and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability for all papers and documents;
- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and things done or omitted to be done by them in their capacity as representatives.

(2) Where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, representatives shall not be deemed to be resident in The Bahamas during any period when they are present in The Bahamas for the discharge of their duties.

(3) 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 —

- alternative representatives;
- advisers;
- technical experts;
- secretaries of Delegations,

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.

(4) The provisions in the preceding paragraphs of this Order shall not confer any immunity or privilege on any person as 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 United Kingdom and Colonies.

C. High Officials of the Union

High officials.

10. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Union, the Director of the International Bureau of the Union (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 Union.

D. Other Officials of the Union

Other officials.

11. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the union, officials of the Union of any category specified by it shall enjoy —

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of words spoken or written and things done or omitted to be done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties;

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- (b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers or servants of the Union.

E. General

12. The names of the persons to whom the provisions of Articles 9 and 10 of this Order 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.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION) ORDER

(SECTION 3(2))

G.N. 143/1956

[Commencement 4th August, 1956]

A. The Organisation

1. This Order may be cited as the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the World Meteorological Organisation) Order.

Short title.

2. The World Meteorological Organisation (hereinafter referred to as “the Organisation”) is an Organisation of which Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

The Organisation.

3. The Organisation 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. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

Legal capacity.

4. The Organisation 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.