

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.