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INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES)
(INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION) ORDER[1]

[1] *Note*: The Government of the Republic of Singapore succeeded the International Civil Aviation
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1. This Order may be cited as the International Organisations (Immunities and
Privileges) (International Civil Aviation Organisation) Order.

A.   THE ORGANISATION

2. The International Civil Aviation Organisation set up under Article 43 of the
Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on 7th December 1944
(referred to in this Order as the Organisation) is an organisation of which the
Government of the Republic of Singapore and the governments of foreign sovereign
Powers are members.

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.

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 the Republic of Singapore.

5. The Organisation 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.

6. The Organisation shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the Organisation for its official use in Singapore or for exportation, or on the importation of any of the publications of the Organisation directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Director-General of Customs and Excise may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.

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

8. The Organisation 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 Singapore) of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

B.   REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBERS

9.—(1) Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the member governments whom they represent, representatives of member governments to the assembly or to the Council of the Organisation, to any Commission (however named) provided for in the constitution of the Organisation, or to any committee of such Assembly, Council or Commission shall enjoy —

    (*a*)   while exercising their functions as such, and during their journey 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 all acts done by them in their capacity as representatives; and

    (*c*)   while exercising their functions and during their journey to and from the place of meeting, the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to the Republic of