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INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS  
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(INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY)  
ORDER 1973

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**Citation**

1. This Order is the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (International Atomic Energy Agency) Order 1973.

**Status of International Atomic Energy Agency**

2.—(1) The International Atomic Energy Agency (called in this Order the Agency) is an organisation of which the Government and the governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

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(2) The Agency has the legal capacities of a body corporate.

### **Immunities and privileges of the Agency**

**3.—**(1) The Agency has immunity from suit and legal process, except insofar as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity.

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

(3) The Agency has the like inviolability of its official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of the official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to the Republic of Singapore.

(4) The Agency has 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.

(5) The Agency has exemption from taxes on the importation of —

- (a) goods directly imported by the Agency for its official use in Singapore or for exportation; and
- (b) any of the publications of the Agency directly imported by it,

subject to compliance with any condition that the Director-General of Customs may prescribe for the protection of the revenue.

(6) The Agency has exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation —

- (a) in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the Agency for its official use; and
- (b) in the case of any publication of the Agency directly imported or exported by it.

(7) The Agency has the right to avail itself —

- (a) for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matter intended for publication by the press; or

- (b) for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or despatched from places outside Singapore),

of any reduced rate applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

### **Immunities and privileges of representatives of members and of Board of Governors of Agency**

4.—(1) Except insofar as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived —

- (a) in the case of representatives of member governments — by the member governments whom they represent; and
- (b) in the case of persons designated to serve on the Board of Governors of the Agency and their alternates and advisers — by the Board of Governors,

representatives of member governments and persons designated to serve on the Board of Governors of the Agency and their alternates and advisers —

- (c) enjoy, 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 of all papers and documents;
- (d) enjoy 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, such immunity to continue even though the person concerned is no longer engaged in the discharge of such functions; and
- (e) are not, where the incidence of any form of taxation depends on residence, deemed to be resident in Singapore during any period when they are present in Singapore while exercising their functions or during their journeys to and from the place of meeting.

(2) In this Order, “representatives of member governments” includes all Governors, representatives, alternates, advisers, technical experts and secretaries of delegation.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) do not confer any immunity or privilege on any person —

- (a) as the representative of the Government;
- (b) as a member of the staff of a representative mentioned in sub-paragraph (a); or
- (c) who is a citizen of Singapore.

### **Immunities and privileges of Director General and Deputy Director General**

5. Except insofar as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Agency, officers of the Agency holding the offices of Director General and Deputy Director General are accorded in respect of themselves, their spouses and their children under 21 years of age —

- (a) 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 are accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to the Republic of Singapore and the envoy’s spouse and children; and
- (b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers of the Agency.

### **Immunities and privileges of persons serving on Committees of or employed on missions on behalf of the Agency**

6. Except insofar as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Agency, persons (other than officials of the Agency) serving on Committees of, or employed on missions on behalf of, the Agency enjoy —

- (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 of all papers and documents relating to the work of the Agency; and

- (b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the exercise of their functions, such immunity to continue even though the person concerned is no longer employed on missions on behalf of the Agency.

### **Immunities and privileges of other officials of the Agency**

7. Except insofar as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Agency, all officials of the Agency, other than those referred to in paragraph 5, enjoy —

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties; and
- (b) exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers or employees of the Agency, provided the officials are not citizens of Singapore.

### **Publication of names**

8. The names of the persons to whom paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 apply are to be set out in a list compiled and published from time to time by the President under section 2(3) of the Act, and the list must show in regard to each person —

- (a) the date as from which, for the purposes of this Order, he or she first held the office or employment in question; and
- (b) the date when he or she ceased to hold that office or employment.

**COMPARATIVE TABLE**  
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