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(IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES) ACT 1948
(SECTION 2)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES) (IMF-SINGAPORE REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE) ORDER 2004

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

Paragraph

[1 January 2004]

Citation

1. This Order is the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute) Order 2004.

Definitions

2. In this Order —

"Director" means the Director of the STI appointed by the IMF;

"IMF" means the International Monetary Fund;

"IMF professional staff" means —

(*a*) an officer or employee of the IMF assigned by the IMF to work in the STI and holding the appointment

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of Director, Senior Economist or Economist of the STI; or

(*b*) any other officer or employee of the IMF assigned by the IMF to work in the STI and mutually recognised by the Government and the IMF as a professional staff of the STI;

"STI" means the IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute located in Singapore.

Immunities and privileges in addition to those previously conferred

3. This Order does not affect the Bretton Woods Agreements Order 1966 which sets out the status, immunities and privileges of the IMF and its officers and employees for the purpose of giving effect to the Articles of Agreement of the IMF.

Status of the IMF

4. The IMF is an organisation of which the Government and the governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

Privileges of IMF professional staff

5.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) and except insofar as in any particular case any privilege is waived by the IMF, every IMF professional staff enjoys, while exercising his or her functions as such, the like exemption or relief from taxes as is accorded to an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to the Republic of Singapore.

(2) The right of an IMF professional staff to import for personal use, free of duty and other charges (other than charges for public utility services) applies —

(*a*) in respect of furniture and effects — if the furniture and effects are imported within 6 months after the professional staff first takes up his or her post in Singapore; and

(*b*) in respect of one motor vehicle — every 4 years.

(3) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1) is to be construed as exempting —

(*a*) any IMF professional staff, other than the Director, from the payment of the foreign domestic worker levy or the requirement of a security bond for the employment of a foreign domestic worker under the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act 1990;

(*b*) the Director from the payment of the foreign domestic worker levy or the requirement of a security bond in respect of more than one foreign domestic worker employed by him or her;

(*c*) any IMF professional staff from goods and services tax under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1993 on the local consumption of goods and services;

(*d*) any IMF professional staff, other than the Director, from property tax under the Property Tax Act 1960 or stamp duty under the Stamp Duties Act 1929 in respect of any tenancy agreement; or

(*e*) any IMF professional staff from tax on utilities bills and telephone charges under the Statutory Boards (Taxable Services) Act 1968, or the water conservation tax under the Public Utilities (Water Conservation Tax) Order 2024.

(4) The privileges referred to in sub-paragraph (1) do not apply to any person who is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore.