



# Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964

## CHAPTER 81

### DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES ACT 1964

- 1 Replacement of existing law.
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- 4 Evidence.
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#### SCHEDULES

##### SCHEDULE 1 — ARTICLES OF VIENNA CONVENTION HAVING THE FORCE OF LAW IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

###### Article 1

- (a) the “head of the mission” is the person charged...

###### Article 22

- 1 The premises of the mission shall be inviolable. The agents...
- 2 The receiving State is under a special duty to take...
- 3 The premises of the mission, their furnishings and other property...

###### Article 23

- 1 The sending State and the head of the mission shall...
- 2 The exemption from taxation referred to in this Article shall...

###### Article 24

###### Article 27

- 1 The receiving State shall permit and protect free communication on...
- 2 The official correspondence of the mission shall be inviolable. Official...
- 3 The diplomatic bag shall not be opened or detained.

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- 4 The packages constituting the diplomatic bag must bear visible external...
- 5 The diplomatic courier, who shall be provided with an official...
- 6 The sending State or the mission may designate diplomatic couriersad...
- 7 A diplomatic bag may be entrusted to the captain of...
  - Article 28
  - Article 29
  - Article 30
- 1 The private residence of a diplomatic agent shall enjoy the...
- 2 His papers, correspondence and, except as provided in paragraph 3...
  - Article 31
- 1 A diplomatic agent shall enjoy immunity from the criminal jurisdiction...
- 2 A diplomatic agent is not obliged to give evidence as...
- 3 No measures of execution may be taken in respect of...
- 4 The immunity of a diplomatic agent from the jurisdiction of...
  - Article 32
- 1 The immunity from jurisdiction of diplomatic agents and of persons...
- 2 The waiver must always be express.
- 3 The initiation of proceedings by a diplomatic agent or by...
- 4 Waiver of immunity from jurisdiction in respect of civil or...
  - Article 33
- 1 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article,...
- 2 The exemption provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article...
- 3 A diplomatic agent who employs persons to whom the exemption...
- 4 The exemption provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of...
- 5 The provisions of this Article shall not affect bilateral or...
  - Article 34
- A diplomatic agent shall be exempt from all dues and...
  - Article 35
  - Article 36
- 1 The receiving State shall, in accordance with such laws and...
- 2 The personal baggage of a diplomatic agent shall be exempt...
  - Article 37
- 1 The members of the family of a diplomatic agent forming...
- 2 Members of the administrative and technical staff of the mission,...
- 3 Members of the service staff of the mission who are...
- 4 Private servants of members of the mission shall, if they...
  - Article 38
- 1 Except in so far as additional privileges and immunities may...
- 2 Other members of the staff of the mission and private...
  - Article 39
- 1 Every person entitled to privileges and immunities shall enjoy them...
- 2 When the functions of a person enjoying privileges and immunities...
- 3 In case of the death of a member of the...
- 4 In the event of the death of a member of...
  - Article 40
- 1 If a diplomatic agent passes through or is in the...
- 2 In circumstances similar to those specified in paragraph 1 of...
- 3 Third States shall accord to official correspondence and other official...
- 4 The obligations of third States under paragraphs 1, 2 and...
  - Article 45

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