



Consular Relations Act 1968

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CONSULAR RELATIONS ACT 1968

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**SECTION I.—FACILITIES, PRIVILEGES AND
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- 1 Consular premises shall be inviolable to the extent provided in...
- 2 The authorities of the receiving State shall not enter that...
- 3 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article,...
- 4 The consular premises, their furnishings, the property of the consular...

Article 32

- 1 Consular premises and the residence of the career head of...
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Article 33

Article 35

- 1 The receiving State shall permit and protect freedom of communication...
- 2 The official correspondence of the consular post shall be inviolable...
- 3 The consular bag shall be neither opened nor detained. Nevertheless,...
- 4 The packages constituting the consular bag shall bear visible external...
- 5 The consular courier shall be provided with an official document...
- 6 The sending State, its diplomatic missions and its consular posts...
- 7 A consular bag may be entrusted to the captain of...

Article 39

- 1 The consular post may levy in the territory of the...
- 2 The sums collected in the form of the fees and...

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Article 41

- 1 Consular officers shall not be liable to arrest or detention...
- 2 Except in the case specified in paragraph 1 of this...

Article 43

- 1 Consular officers and consular employees shall not be amenable to...
- 2 The provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article shall not,...

Article 44

- 1 Members of a consular post may be called upon to...
- 2 The authority requiring the evidence of a consular officer shall...
- 3 Members of a consular post are under no obligation to...

Article 45

- 1 The sending State may waive, with regard to a member...
- 2 The waiver shall in all cases be express, except as...
- 3 The initiation of proceedings by a consular officer or a...
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Article 48

- 1 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article,...
- 2 The exemption provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article...
- 3 Members of the consular post who employ persons to whom...
- 4 The exemption provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of...

Article 49

- 1 Consular officers and consular employees and members of their families...
- 2 Members of the service staff shall be exempt from dues...
- 3 Members of the consular post who employ persons whose wages...

Article 50

- 1 The receiving State shall, in accordance with such laws and...
- 2 Consular employees shall enjoy the privileges and exemptions specified in...
- 3 Personal baggage accompanying consular officers and members of their families...

Article 51

- (a) shall permit the export of the movable property of...

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Article 53

- 1 Every member of the consular post shall enjoy the privileges...
- 2 Members of the family of a member of the consular...
- 3 When the functions of a member of the consular post...
- 4 However, with respect to acts performed by a consular officer...
- 5 In the event of the death of a member of...

Article 54

- 1 If a consular officer 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 to other...
- 4 The obligations of third States under paragraphs 1, 2 and...

Article 55

- 2 The consular premises shall not be used in any manner...
- 3 The provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article shall not...

Article 57

- 2 Privileges and immunities provided in this Chapter shall not be...

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HEADED BY SUCH
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- 1 Articles35,and 39, paragraph 3 of Article 54 and...
- 2 Articles43, paragraph 3 of Article 44, Articles 45 and...
- 3 Privileges and immunities provided in the present Convention shall not...

Article 59

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Article 60

- 1 Consular premises of a consular post headed by an honorary...
- 2 The exemption from taxation referred to in paragraph 1 of...

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Article 67

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- 1 The provisions of the present Convention apply also, so far...
- 2 The names of members of a diplomatic mission assigned to...
- 4 The privileges and immunities of the members of a diplomatic...

Article 71

- 1 Except in so far as additional facilities, privileges and immunities...
- 2 Other members of the consular post who are nationals of...

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- 1 The like exemption from dues and taxes may be extended...
- 2 Paragraph 1 of Article 49 in that Schedule may be...
- 3 Paragraph 2 of Article 50 in that Schedule may be...
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- 6 Article 27 in Schedule 1 to the Diplomatic Privileges Act...

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