

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### PROVISIONS OF VIENNA CONVENTION HAVING THE FORCE OF LAW IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

#### CHAPTER I.—CONSULAR RELATIONS IN GENERAL

#### [<sup>F1</sup>SECTION I.—ESTABLISHMENT AND CONDUCT OF CONSULAR RELATIONS]

##### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words inserted by [Diplomatic and Consular Premises Act 1987 \(c. 46, SIF 68:1\)](#), s. 6, [Sch. 2 para. 3](#)

#### *Article 15*

#### Temporary exercise of the functions of the head of a consular post

- 1 If the head of a consular post is unable to carry out his functions or the position of head of consular post is vacant, an acting head of post may act provisionally as head of the consular post.
- 2 The full name of the acting head of post shall be notified either by the diplomatic mission of the sending State or, if that State has no such mission in the receiving State, by the head of the consular post, or, if he is unable to do so, by any competent authority of the sending State, to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the receiving State or to the authority designated by that Ministry. As a general rule, this notification shall be given in advance. The receiving State may make the admission as acting head of post of a person who is neither a diplomatic agent nor a consular officer of the sending State in the receiving State conditional on its consent.
- 3 The competent authorities of the receiving State shall afford assistance and protection to the acting head of post. While he is in charge of the post, the provisions of the present Convention shall apply to him on the same basis as to the head of the consular post concerned. The receiving State shall not, however, be obliged to grant to an acting head of post any facility, privilege or immunity which the head of the consular post enjoys only subject to conditions not fulfilled by the acting head of post.
- 4 When, in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, a member of the diplomatic staff of the diplomatic mission of the sending State in the receiving State is designated by the sending State as an acting head of post, he shall, if the receiving State does not object thereto, continue to enjoy diplomatic privileges and immunities.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Consular Relations Act 1968, Cross Heading: Article 15.