



Crown Agents Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 43

The Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations

1 Reconstitution of Crown Agents as body corporate.

- (1) On such day as the Minister may by order appoint (in this Act referred to as “the appointed day”)—
 - (a) there shall come into being a body corporate named the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations which shall function under and in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and
 - (b) the term of office of each of the unincorporated Agents shall expire, but without prejudice to his eligibility for appointment under this section to membership of the Crown Agents for a term of office beginning on that day.
- (2) In this Act—
 - (a) “the Crown Agents” means the body corporate established by this section;
 - (b) “the unincorporated Agents” means the persons for the time being holding office under the Crown as Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations; and
 - (c) “the Minister” means the Minister of Overseas Development.
- (3) The Crown Agents shall consist of not less than six nor more than ten members appointed by the Minister; and the Minister shall appoint one member to be the chairman, and another member to be the deputy chairman, of the Crown Agents.
- (4) Any appointment under subsection (3) may be on either a full-time or a part-time basis.
- (5) The Crown Agents, despite their name—
 - (a) are to be regarded as agents of the Crown only in so far as they act as agents of the Crown by virtue of any provision of this Act expressly authorising them to do so; and
 - (b) are not to be regarded as servants of the Crown or as enjoying any status, privilege or immunity of the Crown,

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and their property is not to be regarded as property of, or held on behalf of, the Crown; but nothing in this Act shall be taken to derogate from any privilege, immunity or exemption of the Crown in relation to any matter as respects which the Crown Agents act as agents of the Crown by virtue of any such provision as is mentioned in paragraph (a).

(6) Schedule 1 shall have effect with respect to the Crown Agents.

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(7) repealed (21.3.1997) by 1995 c. 24, s. 13(2), **Sch. 2 Pt. I** (with saving in s. 11(8)); S.I. 1997/1139, **art. 2**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Power of appointment conferred by s. 1(1) fully exercised: 1.1.1980 appointed day for the purposes of the Act by S.I. 1979/1672

C2 S. 1(3) amended (*temp.* from 21.3.1997) by 1995 c. 24, **s. 8(2)(a)**; S.I. 1997/1139, **art. 2**

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