STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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INCOME-TAX

The Consular Conventions (Income Tax) (Kingdom of Greece) Order, 1955

Made - - - - 1st February 1955

Laid before the House of

Commons - - - 5th February 1955

Coming into Operation 7th February 1955

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 1st day of February, 1955

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is provided by Section 24(hereinafter referred to as "the Section") of the Finance Act, 1954, that certain income of consular officers and employees of any foreign state to which the Section applies shall, subject to certain limitations, be exempt from income tax:

And Whereas it is also provided by the Section that the Section shall apply to any foreign state to which Her Majesty by Order in Council directs that it shall apply for the purpose of giving effect to any consular convention or other arrangement with that state making similar provision in the case of Her Majesty's consular officers or employees in that state:

And Whereas it is also provided by the Section that any such Order in Council may limit the operation of the Section in relation to any state in such manner as appears to Her Majesty to be necessary or expedient having regard to the arrangement with that state:

And Whereas it is also provided by the Section that any such Order in Council may be made so as to have effect from a date earlier than the making of the Order or the passing of the Act (but not earlier than the coming into force of the arrangement with regard to which it is made):

And Whereas a Consular Convention(1) (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His Majesty The King of The Hellenes was signed at Athens on the 17th day of April, 1953, which provides, subject to certain limitations, for the matters for which provision is made in the Section and similarly in the case of Her Majesty's consular officers or employees in the Kingdom of Greece, and came into force on the 14th day of February, 1954:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf conferred on Her by the Section or otherwise in Her Majesty vested is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

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- 1. Section 24 of the Finance Act, 1954, shall apply to the Kingdom of Greece.
- 2. This Order shall have effect from the 14th day of February, 1954.
- **3.** The Section shall not apply in respect of a consular employee whose name has not been duly communicated in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention or who is a driver or employed solely on domestic duties at or in the upkeep of the consular premises.
- **4.** Subsection (2) of the Section shall not apply in respect of a consular employee who is a citizen of the United Kingdom and colonies.
- **5.** This Order may be cited as the Consular Conventions (Income Tax) (Kingdom of Greece) Order, 1955. It shall come into force on the 7th day of February, 1955.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this Order is to grant, subject to limitations, certain exemptions from Income Tax to consular officers and employees of the Kingdom of Greece in the United Kingdom, so as to give effect to provisions contained in the Consular Convention signed on 17th April, 1953.