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**DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL IMMUNITIES  
AND PRIVILEGES****The International Cocoa Organization (Immunities and  
Privileges) (No. 2) Order 1973***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - 19th December 1973**Coming into Operation 20th December 1973*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of December 1973

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 10 of the International Organisations Act 1968(a) and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1 of the said Act 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:—

1. This Order may be cited as the International Cocoa Organization (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 2) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 20th December 1973.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The International Cocoa Organization (hereinafter referred to as the Organization) is an organisation of which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

4. The Organization shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes, other than customs duties and taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign Power.

5. The Organization shall have the like relief from rates on its official premises as, in accordance with Article 23 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations signed in 1961 which is set out in Schedule 1 to the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964(c), is accorded in respect of the premises of a diplomatic mission.

6. All officers or servants of the Organization, unless they are citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies, shall enjoy exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received by them as officers or servants of the Organization.

*W. G. Agnew*

(a) 1968 c. 48.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) 1964 c. 81.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order confers exemption from certain taxes upon the International Cocoa Organization, its officers and servants. It will enable the United Kingdom to give effect to the provisions of Article 21(4) of the International Cocoa Agreement, 1972 (Cmnd. 5263).

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