
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The International Sea-Bed Authority
(Immunities and Privileges) Order 1996**

**PART I
GENERAL**

Citation and Entry into Force

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the International Sea-Bed Authority (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1996.

(2) It shall, with the exception of Article 13, come into force on the date, to be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes, on which the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10th December 1982⁽¹⁾ (“the Convention”) enters into force in respect of the United Kingdom.

(3) Article 13 shall come into force on the date, to be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes, on which the Enterprise operates independently of the Secretariat of the Authority.

Interpretation

2. In this Order:

- (a) “the 1961 Convention Articles” means the Articles (being certain Articles of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations signed in 1961) which are set out in Schedule 1 to the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964⁽²⁾;
- (b) “Authority” means the International Sea-Bed Authority established by the Convention;
- (c) “Enterprise” means the organ of the Authority referred to in Article 158(2) and Article 170 of the Convention;
- (d) “representative” means a representative of a member of the Authority attending meetings of the Assembly, the Council or organs of the Assembly or Council.

⁽¹⁾ Cmnd. 8941.

⁽²⁾ 1964 c. 81.