Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964

CHAPTER 81

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1 Replacement of existing law.
2 Application of Vienna Convention.
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4 Evidence.
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8 Short title, interpretation, commencement, repeal and saving.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — ARTICLES OF VIENNA CONVENTION HAVING THE FORCE OF LAW IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Article 1
(a) the “head of the mission” is the person charged...

Article 22
1 The premises of the mission shall be inviolable. The agents...
2 The receiving State is under a special duty to take...
3 The premises of the mission, their furnishings and other property...

Article 23
1 The sending State and the head of the mission shall...
2 The exemption from taxation referred to in this Article shall...

Article 24

Article 27
1 The receiving State shall permit and protect free communication on...
2 The official correspondence of the mission shall be inviolable. Official...
3 The diplomatic bag shall not be opened or detained.
4 The packages constituting the diplomatic bag must bear visible external...
5 The diplomatic courier, who shall be provided with an official...
6 The sending State or the mission may designate diplomatic couriersad...
7 A diplomatic bag may be entrusted to the captain of...

Article 28
Article 29
Article 30

1 The private residence of a diplomatic agent shall enjoy the...
2 His papers, correspondence and, except as provided in paragraph 3...

Article 31

1 A diplomatic agent shall enjoy immunity from the criminal jurisdiction...
2 A diplomatic agent is not obliged to give evidence as...
3 No measures of execution may be taken in respect of...
4 The immunity of a diplomatic agent from the jurisdiction of...

Article 32

1 The immunity from jurisdiction of diplomatic agents and of persons...
2 The waiver must always be express.
3 The initiation of proceedings by a diplomatic agent or by...
4 Waiver of immunity from jurisdiction in respect of civil or...

Article 33

1 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of this Article,...
2 The exemption provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article...
3 A diplomatic agent who employs persons to whom the exemption...
4 The exemption provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of...
5 The provisions of this Article shall not affect bilateral or...

Article 34

A diplomatic agent shall be exempt from all dues and...

Article 35

Article 36

1 The receiving State shall, in accordance with such laws and...
2 The personal baggage of a diplomatic agent shall be exempt...

Article 37

1 The members of the family of a diplomatic agent forming...
2 Members of the administrative and technical staff of the mission,...
3 Members of the service staff of the mission who are...
4 Private servants of members of the mission shall, if they...

Article 38

1 Except in so far as additional privileges and immunities may...
2 Other members of the staff of the mission and private...

Article 39

1 Every person entitled to privileges and immunities shall enjoy them...
2 When the functions of a person enjoying privileges and immunities...
3 In case of the death of a member of the...
4 In the event of the death of a member of...

Article 40

1 If a diplomatic agent passes through or is in the...
2 In circumstances similar to those specified in paragraph 1 of...
3 Third States shall accord to official correspondence and other official...
4 The obligations of third States under paragraphs 1, 2 and...

Article 45
SCHEDULE 2 —
Changes to legislation:
Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 July 2019. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.
View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to:
- s. 2(5A) word substituted by 2018 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 100(a)
- s. 2(5A) words substituted by 2018 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 100(b)