

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

ARTICLES OF VIENNA CONVENTION HAVING THE FORCE OF LAW IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 1 extended by [Hong Kong Act 1985 \(c. 15, SIF 26:16A\)](#), s. 2(2), [Sch. para. 4](#) and [Arms Control and Disarmament \(Privileges and Immunities\) Act 1988 \(c. 2, SIF 68:1\)](#), s. **1(1)**
- C1** Sch. 1 applied (19.3.1997) by [1997 c. 28, s. 28\(2\)\(3\)\(7\)](#)
- C1** Sch. 1 applied (1.3.1999) by [1998 c. 33, s. 15\(5\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 1999/448, [art. 2](#)

ARTICLE 31

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Power to extend art. 31 conferred by [Consular Relations Act 1968 \(c. 18\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 4](#)
- C2** Sch. 1 art. 31(1)-(3) applied (*prosp*) by [1998 c. 7, ss. 8\(1\)\(c\)](#), 15(1) (with s. 14)

- 1 A diplomatic agent shall enjoy immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of the receiving State. He shall also enjoy immunity from its civil and administrative jurisdiction, except in the case of:
- (a) a real action relating to private immovable property situated in the territory of the receiving State, unless he holds it on behalf of the sending State for the purposes of the mission;
 - (b) an action relating to succession in which the diplomatic agent is involved as executor, administrator, heir or legatee as a private person and not on behalf of the sending State;
 - (c) an action relating to any professional or commercial activity exercised by the diplomatic agent in the receiving State outside his official functions.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** [Art. 31 para. 1](#) extended with modifications by S.I. 1984/1978, [art. 2\(1\)\(c\)\(d\)\(2\)](#)
- C4** Sch. 1 art. 31 para. 1 applied (17.7.1992) by [Arms Control and Disarmament \(Inspections\) Act 1991 \(c. 41, SIF 68:1\)](#), s. **5(1)(c)**; S.I. 1992/1750, [art.2](#)

- 2 A diplomatic agent is not obliged to give evidence as a witness.

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- C5** [Art. 31 paras. 2, 3](#) extended with modifications by S.I. 1984/1978, [art. 2\(1\)\(e\)\(f\)\(2\)](#).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964, Article 31. (See end of Document for details)

C6 Sch. 1 art. 31 para. 2 applied (17.7.1992) by Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Act 1991 (c. 41, SIF 68:1), s. 5(1)(c); S.I. 1992/1750, art.2

3 No measures of execution may be taken in respect of a diplomatic agent except in the cases coming under sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 1 of this Article, and provided that the measures concerned can be taken without infringing the inviolability of his person or of his residence.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C7 Art. 31 paras. 2, 3 extended with modifications by S.I. 1984/1978, art. 2(1)(e)(f)(2).

C8 Sch. 1 art. 31 para. 3 applied (17.7.1992) by Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Act 1991 (c. 41, SIF 68:1), s. 5(1)(c); S.I. 1992/1750, art.2

4 The immunity of a diplomatic agent from the jurisdiction of the receiving State does not exempt him from the jurisdiction of the sending State.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964, Article 31.