
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The European Centre for Medium-range Weather
Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975**

**PART IV
OFFICERS**

14. Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Director of the Centre or (in the case of the Director) by the Council of the Centre, all officers of the Centre, with the exception of those who are recruited locally and assigned to hourly rates of pay or who are otherwise not subject to the staff rules of the Centre, shall enjoy:—

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of things done or omitted to be done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties, except in the case of a traffic offence committed by an officer or in the case of damage caused by a vehicle belonging to or driven by him;
- (b) as from the date on which the emoluments received by them as officers of the Centre become subject to taxation by the Centre for its benefit, exemption from income tax in respect of such emoluments;
- (c) unless they are citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies, the like exemption from customs duties and taxes on the importation of articles which—
 - (i) at or about the time when they first enter the United Kingdom, for the purpose of taking up post as officers of the Centre for a period of at least one year, are imported for their personal use or that of members of their families forming part of their households, including articles intended for their establishment, and
 - (ii) are articles which were in their ownership or possession or that of such members of their families, or which they or such members of their families were under contract to purchase, immediately before they so entered the United Kingdom,as, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 36 of the 1961 Convention Articles, is accorded to a diplomatic agent; and
- (d) unless they are citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies or permanently resident in the United Kingdom, as from the date on which the Centre establishes its own social security scheme or joins that of another international organisation, exemptions whereby, for the purposes of the enactments relating to national insurance and social security, including enactments in force in Northern Ireland,—
 - (i) services rendered for the Centre by them shall be deemed to be excepted from any class of employment in respect of which contributions or premiums under those enactments are payable, but
 - (ii) no person shall be rendered liable to pay any contribution or premium which he would not be required to pay if those services were not deemed to be so excepted,

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provided that until the day appointed for the coming into force of section 2 of the Social Security Act 1973 the following shall apply in substitution for the foregoing provisions of this sub-paragraph—

“unless they are citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies or permanently resident in the United Kingdom, as from the date on which the Centre establishes its own social security scheme or joins that of another international organisation, exemptions whereby for the purposes of the National Insurance Acts 1965 to 1973, the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts 1965 to 1973, any enactment for the time being in force amending any of those Acts, and any enactment of the Parliament of Northern Ireland corresponding to any of those Acts or to any enactment amending any of those Acts,—

- (i) services rendered for the Centre by them shall be deemed to be excepted from any class of employment which is insurable employment, or in respect of which contributions are required to be paid, but
- (ii) no person shall be rendered liable to pay any contribution which he would not be required to pay if those services were not deemed to be so excepted.”