

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Order 2009 ([S.S.I. 2009/44](#)) (“the 2009 Order”) to revoke schedule 17. This Order also revokes the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2017 ([S.S.I. 2017/447](#)) (“the 2017 Order”).

The 2017 Order amended the 2009 Order to confer immunities and privileges, insofar as they are within devolved competence, upon the Unified Patent Court and its representatives, judges, registrars and employees.

On 20 July 2020 the United Kingdom withdrew its ratification of the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court and the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the Unified Patent Court done in Brussels on 26 June 2016. This Order therefore revokes the immunities and privileges which were conferred by the 2017 Order.

Immunities and privileges in relation to reserved matters are granted by the Unified Patent Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2018 ([S.I. 2018/184](#)) (“the 2018 Order”). This Order should be read together with forthcoming legislation revoking the immunities and privileges granted in the 2018 Order.