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**2017 No.**

**The Unified Patent Court (Immunities  
and Privileges) Order 2017**

**PART 5**

**Judges, Registrar and Deputy-Registrar**

17.—(1) Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Presidium of the Court, the Judges, Registrar and Deputy-Registrar of the Court have the privileges and immunities in this article.

(2) They have immunity from suit and legal process.

(3) They are exempt from national taxes in respect of salaries, wages and emoluments paid to them by the Court (other than pensions and annuities) from the date on which the internal tax for the benefit of the Court on salaries, wages and emoluments is applied to them.

(4) They are exempt from duties (whether of customs or excise) and taxes on the importation of furniture and effects and the right to re-export free of duty on termination of their duties.

(5) They are exempt from duties (whether of customs or excise) and taxes on—

(a) the importation of a motor car for personal use, acquired either in the country of their last residence or in the country of which they are nationals; and

(b) the exportation of that motor car on termination of their duties,

subject to compliance with such conditions as the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs may prescribe for the protection of the Revenue.

(6) From the date on which they are subject to a social security and health scheme established by the Court, with respect to services rendered for the Court, they are deemed to be excepted from any class of employment in respect of which contributions under enactments relating to social security (including enactments in force in Northern Ireland) are payable.

(7) In the event of the death of a Judge, Registrar or Deputy-Registrar, where their presence in the United Kingdom at that time is solely due to their capacity as a Judge, Registrar or Deputy-Registrar, they are exempt from estate duty leviable on death under the law of any part of the United Kingdom in respect of moveable property which is in the United Kingdom immediately before their death.