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CONSULAR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

The Consular Conventions (Kingdom of Greece) Order, 1953

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>30th September 1953</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>1st October 1953</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>14th February 1954</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 30th day of September, 1953

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by Section 6(1) of the Consular Conventions Act, 1949, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is enacted that Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that Sections one and two or Section four of the Act (which provide for the exercise by consular officers of certain powers in relation to the property of deceased persons, and for the restriction of the powers of entry in relation to consular offices) shall apply to any foreign State specified in the Order, being a State with which a Consular Convention providing for matters for which provision is made by those Sections has been concluded by Her Majesty;

And Whereas a Consular Convention⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His Majesty the King of The Hellenes was signed at Athens on the 17th day of April, 1953, which provides for matters for which provision is made in the said Sections one and two and Section four, and which takes effect on the thirtieth day after the date of exchange of instruments of ratification;

And Whereas Her Majesty desires to ratify the Convention:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf conferred on Her by the Act or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. Sections one and two and Section four of the Act shall apply to the Kingdom of Greece.
2. This Order may be cited as the Consular Conventions (Kingdom of Greece) Order, 1953. It shall come into force on the date on which the Convention enters into force. This date shall be notified in the *London Gazette*.⁽²⁾

(1) Cmd. 8849.
(2) 14th February, 1954.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order in Council provides for the application of Sections one, two and four of the Consular Conventions Act, 1949, to the Kingdom of Greece, and thus enables Her Majesty to ratify the Consular Convention between the United Kingdom and Greece which was signed at Athens on the 17th of April, 1953 (Cmd. 8849).

The purport of Sections one, two and four of the Act is stated in the preamble to this Order. Sections one and four relate to England and, with the modifications contained in Section seven of the Act, to Northern Ireland; Sections two and four relate to Scotland.