
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The International Tin Council
(Immunities and Privileges) Order 1972**

PART II

THE COUNCIL

4. The International Tin Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) is an organisation of which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

5. The Council shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate.

6.—(1) The Council shall have immunity from suit and legal process except:

- (a) to the extent that the Council shall have expressly waived such immunity in a particular case;
- (b) in respect of a civil action by a third party for damage arising from an accident caused by a motor vehicle belonging to or operated on behalf of the Council, or in respect of a motor traffic offence involving such a vehicle; and
- (c) in respect of the enforcement of an arbitration award made under Article 23 or Article 24 of the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Tin Council.

(2) The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not prevent the taking of such measures as may be permitted by law in relation to the property and assets of the Council in so far as they may be temporarily necessary in connection with the prevention of, and investigation into, accidents involving motor vehicles belonging to, or operated on behalf of, the Council.

7.—(1) The Council shall have the like inviolability of official archives as in accordance with the 1961 Convention Articles is accorded in respect of the official archives of a diplomatic mission.

(2) The Council shall have the like inviolability of premises as in accordance with the 1961 Convention Articles is accorded in respect of the premises of a diplomatic mission;

provided that nothing in this paragraph shall preclude service by post.

8. Within the scope of its official activities, the Council shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes, other than customs duties and taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign Power.

9. The Council shall have the like relief from rates on its official premises as in accordance with Article 23 of the 1961 Convention Articles is accorded in respect of the premises of a diplomatic mission.

10. The Council shall have exemption from customs duties and taxes on the importation of goods imported by the Council and necessary for the exercise of its official activities, or on the importation of any publications of the Council imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with

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such conditions as the Commissioners of Customs and Excise may prescribe for the protection of the Revenue.

11. The Council shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods imported or exported by the Council and necessary for the exercise of its official activities and in the case of any publications of the Council imported or exported by it.

12. The Council shall have relief, under arrangements made by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, by way of refund of customs duty paid on any hydrocarbon oil (within the meaning of the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs & Excise) Act 1971) which is bought in the United Kingdom and necessary for the exercise of the official activities of the Council, such relief to be subject to compliance with such conditions as may be imposed in accordance with the arrangements.

13. The Council shall have relief, under arrangements made by the Secretary of State, by way of refund of purchase tax paid on any goods which are necessary for the exercise of the official activities of the Council, such relief to be subject to compliance with such conditions as may be imposed in accordance with the arrangements.