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**DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL IMMUNITIES
AND PRIVILEGES**

**The Intergovernmental Conference on the Dumping of Wastes
at Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1972**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>14th August 1972</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>18th August 1972</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>20th October 1972</i>

At the Court at Balmoral, the 14th day of August 1972

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the Intergovernmental Conference on the Dumping of Wastes at Sea is to be held in the United Kingdom from 30th October to 10th November 1972 and is to be attended by representatives of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and of the Governments of foreign sovereign Powers:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 6 of the International Organisations Act 1968(a) (hereinafter referred to as 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. This Order may be cited as the Intergovernmental Conference on the Dumping of Wastes at Sea (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1972 and shall come into operation on 20th October 1972.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3.—(1) Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Governments whom they represent, representatives of the Governments of foreign sovereign Powers at the Intergovernmental Conference on the Dumping of Wastes at Sea shall enjoy:—

- (a) immunity from suit and legal process in respect of things done or omitted to be done by them in their capacity as representatives;
- (b) while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, the like inviolability of residence, the like immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage, the like inviolability of all papers and documents, and the like exemption or relief from taxes (other than customs and excise duties or purchase tax) as is accorded to the head of a diplomatic mission; and

(a) 1968 c. 48.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, the like exemptions and privileges in respect of their personal baggage as in accordance with Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which is set out in Schedule 1 to the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964(a), are accorded to a diplomatic agent.

(2) Where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, a representative shall not be deemed to be resident in the United Kingdom during any period when he is present in the United Kingdom for the discharge of his duties.

(3) Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Act shall not operate so as to confer any privilege or immunity on the official staff of a representative other than delegates, deputy delegates, advisers, technical experts and secretaries of delegations.

(4) Neither this Article nor Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Act shall operate so as to confer any privilege or immunity on any person as the representative of the Government of the United Kingdom or as a member of the official staff of such a representative or on any person who is a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies.

W. G. Agnew

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order confers privileges and immunities upon the representatives of the Governments of foreign sovereign Powers at the Intergovernmental Conference on the Dumping of Wastes at Sea, which is to be held in the United Kingdom from 30th October to 10th November 1972, and upon certain members of their official staffs.

(a) 1964 c. 81.

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