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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1974 No. 1252**

**The Central Treaty Organization  
(Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974**

**PART II**

**THE ORGANIZATION**

**4.** The Central Treaty Organization (hereinafter referred to as the Organization) is an organization of which the United Kingdom and foreign sovereign Powers are members.

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

**6.** Except in so far as in any particular case the Secretary-General acting on behalf of the Organization has expressly waived its immunity, the Organization shall have immunity from suit and legal process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution or detention of property.

**7.** The Organization shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises as in accordance with the 1961 Convention Articles is accorded in respect of the official archives and premises of a diplomatic mission.

**8.** The Organization 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 Organization shall have the like relief from rates as in accordance with Article 23 of the 1961 Convention Articles is accorded in respect of the premises of a diplomatic mission.

**10.** The Organization shall have exemption from customs duties and taxes on the importation of goods imported by the Organization for its official use in the United Kingdom, or on the importation of any publications of the Organization imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Commissioners of Customs and Excise may prescribe for the protection of the Revenue.

**11.** The Organization shall have exemption from quantitative restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods imported or exported by the Organization for its official use and in the case of any publications of the Organization imported or exported by it.

**12.** The Organization 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 used for the official purposes of the Organization, such relief to be subject to compliance with such conditions as may be imposed in accordance with the arrangements.

**13.** The Organization shall have relief, under arrangements made by the Secretary of State, by way of refund of car tax paid on any vehicle and value added tax paid on the supply of any goods which are used for the official purposes of the Organization, such relief to be subject to compliance with such conditions as may be imposed in accordance with the arrangements.