
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Customs Co-operation Council
(Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974**

PART II

THE COUNCIL

4. The Customs Co-operation Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) is an organisation of which the United Kingdom and foreign sovereign Powers are members.

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

6. Except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, the Council shall have immunity from suit and legal process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

7. The Council 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 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 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 for its official use in the United Kingdom and on the importation of publications of the Council 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 Council shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods imported or exported by the Council for its official use 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 used for the official purposes 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 car tax paid on any vehicles and value added tax paid on the supply of any goods which are used for the official purposes of the Council, such relief to be subject to compliance with such conditions as may be imposed in accordance with the arrangements.