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**DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL
IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES**

**The International Organisations (Immunities and
Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1976**

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - 18th February 1976

Coming into Operation 19th February 1976

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of February 1976

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 3(4) of the International Finance Corporation Act 1955, section 3(4) of the International Development Association Act 1960 and section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968 and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 3(1) and (3) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act 1945, section 3(1) and (3) of the International Finance Corporation Act 1955, section 3(1) and (3) of the International Development Association Act 1960 and sections 1 and 10(3) of the International Organisations Act 1968 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 International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 19th February 1976.

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

3. In paragraph (b) of the proviso to Article 3 of the Bretton Woods Agreements Order in Council 1946(1), after “sold” shall be inserted “, except that the Fund and the Bank 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 and services which are necessary for the exercise of the official activities of the Fund or the Bank, such relief to be subject to compliance with such conditions as may be imposed in accordance with the arrangements”.

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4. In paragraph (b) of the proviso to Article 3 of the International Finance Corporation Order 1955(2) and in paragraph (b) of the proviso to Article 3 of the International Development Association Order 1960(3), after the word “sold” shall be inserted “, except that it 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 and services which are necessary for the exercise of its official activities, such relief to be subject to compliance with such conditions as may be imposed in accordance with the arrangements”.

5. The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of Western European Union) Order 1955(4) shall be amended by inserting after Article 6 the following new Article:

“6A. The Organisation 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 and services which are necessary for the exercise of the official activities of the Organisation, such relief to be subject to compliance with such conditions as may be imposed in accordance with the arrangements.”.

N.E. Leigh

(2) (1955 I, p. 663).
(3) (1960 I, p. 1201).
(4) (1955 I, p. 671).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order makes amendments to certain Orders which confer privileges and immunities on the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Finance Corporation, the International Development Association and the Western European Union consequential upon the introduction of car tax and value added tax. Such amendments are necessary in order to implement our international obligations to the organisations concerned. Similar provisions in respect of other international organisations were made by the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1975 (S.I., 1975/1209).