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The European Space Agency
(Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978

PART I

GENERAL

1. This Order may be cited as the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on the date on which the Convention for the Establishment of a European Space Agency⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) enters into force. That date shall be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

2.—(1) For the purposes of this Order, the official activities of the European Space Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) shall include its administrative activities and those undertaken in the field of space research and technology and their space applications in pursuance of the purposes of the Agency as defined in the Convention.

(2) In this Order “the 1961 Convention Articles” means the Articles (being certain Articles of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations signed in 1961) which are set out in Schedule 1 to the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964.

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

3. The European Space Research Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974 and the European Launcher Development Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1965 are hereby revoked.