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**1988 No. 1298**

**The EUMETSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1988**

**PART I**

**GENERAL**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the EUMETSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1988. It shall come into force on the date on which the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)(**1**) opened for signature at Darmstadt on 1st December 1986 (hereinafter referred to as the Protocol) enters into force in respect of the United Kingdom. The 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 Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (hereinafter referred to as the Organisation) means all activities carried out by the Organisation in pursuance of its objectives as defined in Article 2 of the Convention for the Establishment of a European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)(**2**), opened for signature at Geneva on 24th May 1983 (hereinafter referred to as the Convention), and includes its administrative activities.

(2) In this Order—

“United Kingdom national” means a person who is a British citizen, a British Dependent Territories citizen, a British Overseas citizen or a British National (Overseas);

“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**);

“Party” means a State party to the Convention;

“archives” means all records, including correspondence, documents, manuscripts, photographs, films, optical and magnetic recordings, data recordings, and computer programmes belonging to or held by the Organisation;

“staff members” means the Director and all persons employed by the Organisation, who hold permanent appointments and are subject to its Staff Rules;

“expert” means a person other than a staff member appointed to carry out a specific task on behalf of the Organisation and at its expense;

“property” means anything that may be subject to a right of ownership as well as contractual rights.

**3.** The EUMETSAT (Legal Capacities) Order 1985(**4**) is hereby revoked.

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(1) Cm. 397.  
(2) Cmnd. 9203.  
(3) 1964 c. 81.  
(4) S.I.1985/750.

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