
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 1069

**The Square Kilometre Array Observatory
(Immunities and Privileges) Order 2020**

PART 1

General

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Square Kilometre Array Observatory (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2020 and comes into force on the day on which the Convention comes into force in accordance with Article 19(2) of the Convention⁽¹⁾.

(2) This Order extends to the whole of the United Kingdom subject to paragraphs (3) and (4).

(3) Article 8 extends to England and Wales and Northern Ireland only⁽²⁾.

(4) In Scotland—

(a) articles 5, 6, 14, 15 and 16 do not apply in so far as they would, if included in an Act of the Scottish Parliament, be within the legislative competence of that Parliament;

(b) article 7 and, to the extent that it applies to article 7, article 13 do not apply to devolved taxes or local taxes to fund local authority expenditure (within the meaning of the exceptions to Section A1 (fiscal, economic and monetary policy) of Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998)⁽³⁾.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the Convention” means the Convention establishing the Square Kilometre Array Observatory done in Rome on 12th March 2019⁽⁴⁾;

“the Council” means the governing body of the Observatory as established by Article 8 of the Convention;

“expert” means a person named by the Observatory as being in the service of the Observatory for a defined period of time;

“member of staff” means members of staff of, or secondees to, the Observatory;

“the Observatory” means the Square Kilometre Array Observatory established under the Convention; and

(1) The United Kingdom will become a member of the Observatory in accordance with Article 6(1) of the Convention when the Convention enters into force for the United Kingdom. The date on which the Convention enters into force for the United Kingdom will be published on the relevant page on UK Treaties Online which can be found at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-treaties>.

(2) The setting of non-domestic rates is within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament by exemption to Section A1 of Schedule 5 of the Scotland Act 1998 c.46. Section A1 was amended by section 23(5) of the Scotland Act 2012 (c.11).

(3) 1998 c.46. Section A1 was amended by section 23(5) of the Scotland Act 2012 (c.11).

(4) CP154.

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“official activities” means all activities undertaken pursuant to the Convention including the Observatory’s administrative activities.