STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1970 No. 1925

CONSULAR RELATIONS

The Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (French Republic) Order 1970

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - 17*th December* 1970

Coming into Operation 1*st January* 1971

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 17th day of December 1970

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament in accordance with section 14(1) of the Consular Relations Act 1968(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as " the Act "):

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 3(1) of the Act 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 Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (French Republic) Order 1970 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1971.

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

3. The like exemption from dues and taxes as is accorded under Article 32 in Schedule 1 to the Act to the residence of the career head of a consular post shall be extended to the residence of a consular officer or consular employee of the French Republic of which the French Republic or any person acting on its behalf is the owner or lessee.

4.—(1) Paragraph 2 of Article 50 in Schedule 1 to the Act (exemption from customs duties) shall be applied in regard to consular employees of the French Republic who satisfy the conditions set out in paragraph (2) of this Article as if the words " in respect of articles imported at the time of first installation " were omitted.

(**a**) 1968 c. 18. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

(2) The conditions referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article are that the consular employee concerned—

(*a*) is not a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies, a person who is a British subject by virtue of section 2, 13 or 16 of the British Nationality Act 1948(**a**) or the British Nationality Act 1965(**b**), or a British protected person within the meaning of the said Act of 1948, and

(*b*) does not carry on any private gainful occupation in the United Kingdom, and

(*c*) is not permanently resident in the United Kingdom.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order, which is made pursuant to the Consular Relations Act 1968, provides, with respect to consular posts of the French Republic and persons conected with them, for according privileges additional to those accorded by Schedule 1 to the Act, namely—

(i) relief from rates and taxes for the residences of consular officers and employees ;

(ii) exemption for certain consular employees from customs duties on articles for their personal use, or that of members of their families forming part of their households, imported throughout the period of their appointment.

It gives effect to the relevant provisions of the Consular Convention between the United Kingdom and the French Republic which was signed at Paris on 31st December 1951 (Cmnd. 617), and to an Exchange of Notes between the Governments of the two countries which took place at Paris on 19th May 1970 (Cmnd. 4442).

(a) 1948 c. 56. (b) 1965 c. 34.

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