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CONSULAR RELATIONS

The Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (Italian 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) (Italian 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 career consular officer of the Italian Republic of which the Italian Republic or any person acting on its behalf is the owner or lessee.

4. A consular bag exchanged between a consular officer of the Italian Republic in the United Kingdom and the Government, a diplomatic mission or another consular post of the Italian Republic, shall be accorded the treatment which is accorded to a diplomatic bag by Article 27 in Schedule 1 to the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964(**c**).

W. G. Agnew.

(a) 1968 c. 18. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) 1964 c. 81.

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 Italian Republic and persons connected with them, for according privileges additional to those accorded by Schedule 1 to the Act, namely—

(i) relief from dues and taxes for the residences of career consular officers ;

(ii) the same treatment in respect of consular bags as is accorded to a diplomatic bag.

It gives effect to the relevant provisions of the Consular Convention between the United Kingdom and the Italian Republic which was signed at Rome on 1st June 1954 (Cmnd. 1135) as these provisions have been interpreted by an Exchange of Notes between the two Governments which took place at Rome on 27th January 1970 (Cmnd. 4322).

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