STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 1980

INTERNATIONAL IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES

The EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - 19th December 1984

Coming into Operation — *On a date to be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of December 1984

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as the Act) and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1 of the Act(**b**) 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 EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1984. It shall come into operation on the date on which the Convention establishing the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization "EUTELSAT"(**c**) (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) enters into force in respect of the United Kingdom. That date shall be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

2. The European Telecommunications Satellite Organization (hereinafter referred to as EUTELSAT) is an organisation of which the United Kingdom and other sovereign Powers are members.

3. EUTELSAT shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate.

4. Within the scope of activities authorised by the Convention, EUTELSAT shall have exemption from taxes on income and capital gains.

(**a**) 1968 c.48.
(**b**) As amended by section 1 of the International Organisations Act 1981 (c.9).
(**c**) Cmnd. 9069, amended by a Protocol of 15th December 1983 (Cmnd. 9154).

5. Within the scope of activities authorised by the Convention, EUTELSAT shall have exemption from duties (whether of customs or excise) and taxes on the importation by or on behalf of EUTELSAT of communications satellites, their component parts and all equipment for use in the EUTELSAT space segment defined in Article I(h) of the Convention, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Commissioners of Customs and Excise may prescribe for the protection of the Revenue.

G. I. de Deney,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order will enable the United Kingdom to give effect to Articles IV and XVII(b) of the Convention on the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization (EUTELSAT) (Cmnd. 9069), which was signed by the United Kingdom on 28th September 1982, by conferring the legal capacities of a body corporate and certain fiscal privileges on EUTALSAT. It will come into operation on the date on which the Convention enters into force in respect of the United Kingdom.

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