STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 454

DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES

The INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1979

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - -	*11th April* 1979
Coming into Operation	*On a date to be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes*

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 11th day of April 1979

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 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 INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1979. It shall come into operation on the date on which the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT)(**b**), opened for signature at London on 3rd September 1976 (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 International Maritime Satellite Organization (hereinafter referred to as INMARSAT) is an organisation of which the United Kingdom and foreign sovereign Powers are members.

(a) 1968 c. 48.

(b) Cmnd. 6822.

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

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

5. Within the scope of activities authorised by the Convention, INMARSAT shall have exemption from customs duties and taxes on the importation by or on behalf of INMARSAT of communication satellites and components and parts for such satellites to be launched for use in the INMARSAT space segment defined in Article 1(e) 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.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order confers the legal capacities of a body corporate and certain fiscal privileges on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT). It will enable the United Kingdom to give effect to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT) (Cmnd. 6822), which was signed by the United Kingdom on 3rd September 1976. 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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