STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES

The INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1972

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - 4th February 1972

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

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 4th day of February 1972

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 of the International Organisations Act 1968(a) (hereinafter referred to as the Act) and has been approved by a 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 INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1972. It shall come into operation on the date on which the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization "INTELSAT"(b), opened for signature at Washington on 20th August 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement) enters into force in respect of the United Kingdom. This date shall be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

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

3. The international telecommunications satellite organization "INTELSAT" (hereinafter referred to as INTELSAT) is an organisation of which the United Kingdom and foreign sovereign Powers are members.

4. INTELSAT shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate.

5. Within the scope of activities authorised by the Agreement, INTELSAT shall have the like exemption and relief from taxes, other than customs duties and taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign Power.

(a) 1968 c. 48. (b) Cmnd. 4799. (c) 1889 c. 63.

6. Within the scope of activities authorised by the Agreement, INTELSAT shall have exemption from customs duties and taxes on the importation by or on behalf of INTELSAT of communications satellites and components and parts for such satellites to be launched for use in the global commercial telecommunications satellite system referred to in paragraph (*a*) of Article II of the Agreement.

W. G. Agnew.

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 telecommunications satellite organization "INTELSAT". It will enable the United Kingdom to give effect to Article IV and Article XV(*b*) of the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization "INTELSAT" (Cmnd. 4799), which the United Kingdom signed at Washington on 20th August 1971. It will come into operation on the date on which the Agreement enters into force with respect to the United Kingdom.

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