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THE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (INTELSAT) ORDER 1972

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 14th day of February 1972

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1968, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and in respect of clause 11 of this order at the request and with the consent of the Government of the Cook Islands given in accordance with the Constitution of the Cook Islands, hereby makes the following order.

ORDER

1. Title and commencement—(1) This order may be cited as the Diplomatic Privileges (INTELSAT) Order 1972.

(2) This order shall come into force on the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Declaration as to Organisation—The International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (hereinafter called the organisation) is hereby declared to be an organisation the members of which are the Governments of States.

Privileges and Immunities of the Organisation

3. Body corporate—The organisation shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate.

4. Immunity from suit—Except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, the organisation shall have immunity from suit and legal process.

5. Inviolability of premises and archives—The organisation shall have the like inviolability of official premises and official archives as is accorded in respect of official premises and official archives of a diplomatic mission.

6. Immunity of property—The organisation shall have immunity in relation to its property and assets from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation, or any other form of interference.

7. Exemption from taxes and rates—The organisation shall have the like exemption from taxes and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to the Government of any foreign State.

8. Exemption from taxes on importation of goods—The organisation shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the organisation for its official use in New Zealand or for exportation, or on the importation of any publications of the organisation directly imported by it, subject to compliance with such conditions as the Minister of Customs may determine for the protection of the revenue.

9. Exemption from restrictions on importation or exportation of goods for official use—The organisation shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the organisation for its official use and in the case of any publications of the organisation directly imported or exported by it, subject to compliance with such conditions as the Minister of Customs may determine for the protection of the public health, the prevention of diseases in plants and animals, and otherwise in the public interest.

10. Reduced rates for telegraphic communications—The organisation shall have the right to avail itself, for telegraphic communications sent by it and containing only matter intended for publication by the press or for broadcasting (including communications addressed to or dispatched from places outside New Zealand), of any reduced rates applicable for the corresponding service in the case of press telegrams.

11. Application to Cook Islands—This order shall be in force in the Cook Islands.

P. J. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order specifies the privileges and immunities that are conferred on the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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This order is administered in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.