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**THE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (SOUTH PACIFIC BUREAU
FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION)
ORDER 1973**

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DENIS BLUNDELL, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 21st day of May 1973

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 hereby makes the following order.

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O R D E R

1. Title—This order may be cited as the Diplomatic Privileges (South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation) Order 1973.

2. Declaration as to Organisation—The South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (hereinafter called the Bureau) is hereby declared to be an organisation of which the Governments of two or more States are members.

Privileges and Immunities of the Bureau

3. Body corporate—The Bureau 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 Bureau shall have immunity from suit and legal process.

5. Inviolability of premises and archives—The Bureau 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 Bureau 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 Bureau 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 Bureau shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the Bureau for its official use in New Zealand or for exportation, or on the importation of any publications of the Bureau 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 Bureau shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the Bureau for its official use and in the case of any publications of the Bureau 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.

Privileges and Immunities of Director

10. Privileges and immunities of Director—Except in so far as in any particular case any immunity or privilege is waived by the Bureau, the Director of the Secretariat of the Bureau (hereinafter called the Director) shall be accorded—

- (a) Immunity from suit and legal process in respect of things done or omitted to be done in the course of the performance of his official duties;
- (b) The like exemption from taxes and rates as is accorded to a diplomatic agent;
- (c) Exemption from taxes on the importation of furniture and effects imported at the time of first taking up post in New Zealand, that exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Minister of Customs may determine for the protection of the revenue.

Privileges and Immunities of Other Staff

11. Privileges and immunities of other staff—Except in so far as in any particular case any immunity or privilege is waived by the Bureau, all members of the Staff of the Bureau (other than the Director referred to in clause 10 hereof) shall be accorded—

- (a) Immunity from suit and legal process in respect of things done or omitted to be done by them in the course of the performance of their official duties:

- (b) Exemption from income tax in respect of emoluments received as members of the staff of the Bureau:
- (c) Exemption from taxes on the importation of furniture and effects imported at the time of first taking up post in New Zealand, that exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Minister of Customs may determine for the protection of the revenue.

*Privileges and Immunities of Governmental
Representatives attending Committee
Meetings of the Bureau*

12. Privileges and immunities of governmental representatives attending committee meetings of the Bureau—Except in so far as in any particular case any immunity is waived by a member Government of the Bureau, representatives of Governments attending meetings of the South Pacific Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Bureau shall be accorded—

- (a) The like immunity from suit and legal process as is accorded to a diplomatic agent:
- (b) Inviolability of their official documents.

P. G. MILLEN,
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 immunities and privileges that are conferred on the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation, its Director and other staff, and governmental representatives attending committee meetings of the Bureau.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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This order is administered in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.