

# **International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Asian Development Bank) Order 2020**

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## **INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES) ACT (CHAPTER 145)**

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS  
(IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES)  
(ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK)  
ORDER 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Act, the President makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order is the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Asian Development Bank) Order 2020 and comes into operation on 8 January 2020.

**Definitions**

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“ADB” means the Asian Development Bank;

“ADB personnel” means —

(a) a director of the ADB;

(b) a governor of the ADB;

(c) an expert performing a mission for the ADB; or

(d) an officer or a staff member duly appointed by the ADB who is not a person mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c);

“goods and services tax” means a tax that is charged in accordance with the Goods and Services Tax Act (Cap. 117A) on the supply of goods and services (including anything treated as such a supply) and on the importation of goods;

“head of Office” means the principal executive official of the Office appointed by the ADB;

“Office” means the ADB Singapore Office established by the Agreement between the Republic of Singapore and the ADB regarding the ADB Singapore Office done at Osaka, Japan on 28 June 2019.

**Status of ADB**

3. The ADB is an organisation of which the Government and the governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

**Immunities and privileges in addition to those in Asian Development Bank Act**

4. The immunities and privileges conferred on the ADB, the head of Office, and any ADB personnel are in addition to those conferred on the ADB, the head of Office and any ADB personnel by the Asian Development Bank Act (Cap. 15) and the Diplomatic and Consular Relations (Asian Development Bank) Order 2020 (G.N. No. S 10/2020).

### **Immunities and privileges of ADB**

5.—(1) The official premises of the Office have the like inviolability as is accorded in respect of the official premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to the President, and no public officer or officer of a statutory body may enter the Office except with the consent of, and under conditions approved by, the ADB.

(2) The written consent mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) is deemed to have been given in the event of fire or any other emergency requiring immediate action.

(3) The ADB is exempt from any prohibition or restriction on any import or export of any article or goods, including a motor vehicle, spare part or publication that is for the official use of the Office.

(4) Any article or goods imported under sub-paragraph (3) may only be —

- (a) distributed in Singapore if they are the ADB's own products, or under conditions agreed between the ADB and the Government; or
- (b) disposed of in Singapore under conditions agreed between the ADB and the Government.

(5) The ADB is exempt from the following taxes:

- (a) goods and services tax, and customs duties and excise duties imposed under section 10(1) of the Customs Act (Cap. 70), on any import (other than of a motor vehicle) for the ADB's consumption and use in the performance of its functions;
- (b) goods and services tax in respect of the consumption of goods and services in Singapore (other than of a motor vehicle) by the Office or the ADB for use in the performance of the ADB's functions;
- (c) tax imposed under the Statutory Boards (Taxable Services) Order (Cap. 318, O 1) in respect of water supplied by the Public Utilities Board to the official premises of the Office in Singapore;
- (d) property tax in respect of any official non-residential premises that is wholly owned by the ADB for the official use of the Office;
- (e) any stamp duty imposed under Article 3(a)(iii)(B) or 8(aa), (b) or (c) of the First Schedule to the Stamp Duties Act (Cap. 312) on an instrument for the purchase or lease by the ADB alone of any non-residential premises for