International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (ICPO-INTERPOL) Order 2012

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

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES) (ICPO-INTERPOL) ORDER 2012

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

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (ICPO-INTERPOL) Order 2012 and shall come into operation on 3rd September 2012.

Definitions

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

"Complex" means the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation in Singapore;

"Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the ICPO-INTERPOL;

"ICPO-INTERPOL" means The International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL;

"Secretary General" means the Secretary General of the ICPO-INTERPOL.

Status of ICPO-INTERPOL

3.—(1) The ICPO-INTERPOL is an organisation of which the Government and the governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

(2) The ICPO-INTERPOL shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate.

Immunities and privileges of Complex

4.—(1) The premises of the Complex shall have the like inviolability as is accorded in respect of the official premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to the Republic of Singapore, and no public officer or officer of a statutory body may enter those premises except with the consent of the Secretary General or the Executive Director of the Complex.

(2) The consent referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is implied in the case of fire or any other disaster requiring immediate action.

(3) The ICPO-INTERPOL shall not permit the premises of the Complex to be used as a refuge for avoiding arrest under the laws of Singapore or in any other manner incompatible with its purposes.

Immunities and privileges of ICPO-INTERPOL

5.—(1) The ICPO-INTERPOL shall enjoy immunity from suit and legal process for acts done in the performance of its functions, except in the following cases:

- (a) a civil action based on contractual obligations of the ICPO-INTERPOL;
- (b) a civil claim for damages arising from an accident caused by a motor vehicle belonging to the ICPO-INTERPOL or used on its behalf, or from a violation of a written law relating to motor vehicle traffic involving a motor vehicle belonging to the ICPO-INTERPOL or used on its behalf;
- (c) a counter claim directly linked to proceedings begun as a main action by the ICPO-INTERPOL;
- (d) where the ICPO-INTERPOL has expressly waived its immunity.

(2) The property and assets of the ICPO-INTERPOL (excluding land and immovable property) which are utilised by the Complex, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from seizure, confiscation or other form of judicial constraint, except in the following cases:

- (a) a civil action based on contractual obligations of the ICPO-INTERPOL;
- (b) a civil claim for damages arising from an accident caused by a motor vehicle belonging to the ICPO-INTERPOL or used on its behalf, or from a violation of a written law relating to motor vehicle traffic involving a motor vehicle belonging to the ICPO-INTERPOL or used on its behalf;
- (c) if such constraint is necessary as a temporary measure in order to prevent accidents involving a motor vehicle owned by the ICPO-INTERPOL or used on its behalf, or in order to conduct an inquiry in connection with such an accident;
- (d) a counter claim directly linked to proceedings begun as a main action by the ICPO-INTERPOL.

(3) The ICPO-INTERPOL shall have the like exemption or relief from the following taxes as may be accorded to a foreign sovereign Power:

- (a) income tax on its income;
- (b) property tax in respect of any property owned by the ICPO-INTERPOL and utilised by the Complex;