

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (World Meteorological Organization) Order 2018

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
(IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES)
(WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION)
ORDER 2018

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) (World Meteorological Organization) Order 2018 and comes into operation on 6 September 2018.

Definitions

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

“Agreement” means the Agreement between the Government and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on the Legal Status and the Functioning of the WMO Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific in the Republic of Singapore dated 21 August 2017, and includes —

- (a) the Protocol of Execution of that Agreement dated 21 August 2017; and
- (b) the 2 Side Letters dated 21 August 2017 exchanged between the Government and the WMO in relation to that Agreement;

“Director”, in relation to the Regional Office, means the Director or Head of the Regional Office appointed by the Secretary-General;

“officer”, in relation to the WMO, means an individual (called an official in the Agreement) —

- (a) who is hired by the WMO within the meaning of Article 21 of the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization; and
- (b) whose employment by, and contractual relationship with, the WMO are defined by a letter of appointment;

“Regional Office” means the Regional Office of the WMO for Asia and the South-West Pacific;

“Secretary-General” means the Secretary-General of the WMO;

“WMO” means the World Meteorological Organization.

Status of WMO

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

(2) The WMO has the legal capacities of a body corporate.

Immunities and privileges of WMO

4.—(1) The WMO has immunity from suit and legal process, except where in any particular case the WMO has expressly waived its immunity.

(2) The WMO’s immunity under sub-paragraph (1) includes immunity from any search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation or other forms of interference with its property or assets in Singapore.

(3) The WMO and its Regional Office have the like inviolability of official premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of the official premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to the President, except where in any particular case the WMO has expressly waived its immunity.

(4) The WMO and its Regional Office have the like inviolability of official archives as is accorded in respect of the official archives of an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to the President.

(5) The WMO (including its Regional Office) has the like exemption or relief from the taxes, as may be accorded to a foreign sovereign Power, only in respect of the following taxes:

- (a) income tax on its income (including incidental interest) derived from Singapore;
- (b) goods and services tax in respect of the following goods and services:
 - (i) all goods (excluding any motor vehicle) imported by the WMO for its official use;
 - (ii) all goods and services consumed and used in Singapore by the WMO for its official activities;
- (c) property tax in respect of all official non-residential premises that the WMO owns for its official use;
- (d) any stamp duty chargeable under Article 3(a)(iii)(B) of the First Schedule