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DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES ACT 1962

Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (Cocoa Producers Alliance) Order 1967


In exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 (1) of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act 1962, as modified by the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree (Nos. 1-10) 1966, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Federal Executive Council has made the following Order—

1. This Order may be cited as the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (Cocoa Producers Alliance) Order 1967, and shall apply throughout Nigeria.

2. The Cocoa Producers Alliance (hereinafter referred to as "the Alliance") is an organisation of which Nigeria and foreign Powers are members.

3. The offices and property of the Alliance shall be exempt from the payment of non-beneficial portion of rates and taxes, that is property rates based on the rateable value of the property and other municipal taxes normally paid by property owners but which are not charges levied for specific services rendered.

4. The Alliance shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods and equipment directly imported by the Alliance for its official use in Nigeria or for exportation, or on the importation of any publications of the Alliance directly imported by it subject in all cases to compliance with such conditions as may be prescribed for the protection of public health, the prevention of diseases in plants and animals, and otherwise in the public interest.

5. The property and assets of the Alliance shall be exempt from search, requisition or confiscation; subject however to the operation of any law in force in Nigeria for the purpose of public safety or public order.

6. Except in so far as in any particular case any immunity or privilege is waived by the member governments whom they represent, representatives or member governments shall enjoy personal immunity from suit and legal process while attending meetings of the Alliance from the time of their arrival in Nigeria up till the conclusion of any such meeting.

7.—(1) Except in so far as in any particular case any immunity or privilege is waived by the Chief Executive or Administrative Head of the Alliance, a non-Nigerian Chief Executive or Administrative Head of the Alliance shall enjoy:

(a) exemption from import duties; and

(b) personal immunity for acts performed in pursuance of his duties as the Chief Executive or Administrative Head of the Alliance. Provided, however, that a Nigerian Chief Executive or Administrative Head of the Alliance shall also enjoy personal immunity for acts performed in pursuance of his duties as Chief Executive or Administrative Head of the Alliance.
(2) Except in so far as in any particular case any immunity or privilege is waived by the Chief Executive or Administrative Head of the Alliance, non-Nigerian permanent staff of the Alliance shall enjoy exemption from payment of income tax in respect of the emoluments received by them as officers or servants of the Alliance.

MADE at Lagos this 25th day of February 1967.

EDWIN OGEBE OGBU,
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