



State Immunity Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 33

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

20 Heads of State.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section and to any necessary modifications, the ^{M1}Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964 shall apply to—
 - (a) a sovereign or other head of State;
 - (b) members of his family forming part of his household; and
 - (c) his private servants,as it applies to the head of a diplomatic mission, to members of his family forming part of his household and to his private servants.
- (2) The immunities and privileges conferred by virtue of subsection (1)(a) and (b) above shall not be subject to the restrictions by reference to nationality or residence mentioned in Article 37(1) or 38 in Schedule 1 to the said Act of 1964.
- (3) Subject to any direction to the contrary by the Secretary of State, a person on whom immunities and privileges are conferred by virtue of subsection (1) above shall be entitled to the exemption conferred by section 8(3) of the ^{M2}Immigration Act 1971.
- (4) Except as respects value added tax and duties of customs or excise, this section does not affect any question whether a person is exempt from, or immune as respects proceedings relating to, taxation.
- (5) This section applies to the sovereign or other head of any State on which immunities and privileges are conferred by Part I of this Act and is without prejudice to the application of that Part to any such sovereign or head of State in his public capacity.

Marginal Citations

M1 1964 c. 81.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the State Immunity Act 1978, Section 20. (See end of Document for details)

M2 1971 c. 77.

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