STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 820

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

The Southern Rhodesia (Immunity for Persons attending Meetings and Consultations) Order 1979

Made - - - -	13*th July* 1979
Laid before Parliament	13*th July* 1979
Coming into Operation	13*th July* 1979

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of July 1979

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 2 of the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Southern Rhodesia (Immunity for Persons attending Meetings and Consultations) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 13th July 1979.

Immunity from suit, etc of persons attending certain meetings in the United Kingdom

2.—(1) So long as this Order is in force, a person to whom this Article applies shall, while within the United Kingdom, be entitled to the like immunity from suit and legal process and the like personal inviolability as is accorded, under the law in that behalf, to a diplomatic agent accredited to Her Majesty.

(2) Subject to paragraph (5) of this Article, this Article applies to a person if his presence in the United Kingdom is countenanced by the Secretary of State in connection with his attendance at meetings or consultations convoked by or with the authority of the Government of the United Kingdom for the purpose of achieving a peaceful settlement of the situation created by unconstitutional action in Southern Rhodesia.

(3) The Secretary of State may compile and keep amended up-to-date a list of persons to whom this Article for the time being applies, showing in respect of each person named in it the date from which he is a person to whom this Article applies and, where appropriate, the date after which he is to cease to be such a person, and shall cause any such list, and any amendment to it or any amended list, to be published without delay in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes; and the inclusion of the name of any person in any such list, showing, in relation to any given date, that he is a person to whom this Article applies, shall be conclusive proof of that fact.

(a) 1965 c. 76.

(4) The Secretary of State may, by writing under his hand, certify in respect of any person that, in relation to any date specified in the certificate or in relation to any period so specified, that person is a person to whom this Article applies; and any such certificate shall, irrespective of the contents of any list compiled in pursuance of paragraph (3) of this Article, be conclusive proof of the fact so certified.

(5) A person shall not be regarded, in relation to any given date, as a person to whom this Article applies unless he is shown or certified to be such a person, in relation to that date, either by a list compiled in pursuance of paragraph (3) of this Article or by a certificate given in pursuance of paragraph (4).

(6) Nothing in this Article shall be construed as affecting, in relation to any person to whom this Article applies, the operation of any provision of law regulating the entry of persons into the United Kingdom, their stay in the United Kingdom or their departure from the United Kingdom.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order confers immunity from suit and legal process and personal inviolability on certain persons present in the United Kingdom, with the agreement of the Secretary of State, in connection with their attendance at meetings and consultations to achieve a constitutional settlement in Southern Rhodesia. The Order authorises the Secretary of State to publish a list of the persons to whom the relevant Article applies and also to issue a certificate that a particular person is such a person. The inclusion of a person's name in the list, or the issuing of a certificate relating to him, will be conclusive proof that the Article applies to him.

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