

**Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges**

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**DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES  
(EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES) ORDER, 1976**

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**Authority:** This order was made on 6th October, 1976 by the Minister under section 6 of the *Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act*.

**Commencement:** 24th May, 1976.

1. This Order may be cited as the *Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges (European Communities) Order, 1976*. Short title.

2. For the purposes of this order Interpretation.  
“European Communities” means the European Communities established by the Merger Treaty signed at Brussels on the 8th April, 1965;  
“the Convention” means the African Caribbean Pacific-European Economic Community Convention signed at Lome on the 28th February, 1975.

3. For the purposes of Part III of the Act, it is hereby declared that the European Communities is an organisation of which sovereign powers or the Governments thereof are members. Application of section 6 of the Act.

4. The European Communities shall have the legal capacity of a body corporate. Legal capacity of European Communities.

5. (1) The European Communities shall have the immunities and privileges set out in Part I of the Second Schedule to the Act, but the immunity from suit and legal process conferred on the European Communities by this order shall not include immunity from suit and legal process in respect of Immunities and privileges of European Communities.

(a) a civil action for damage alleged to have been caused by a motor vehicle belonging to or operated on behalf of the European Communities or in respect of a traffic offence involving that motor vehicle; and

(b) arbitration proceedings relating to any written contract entered into by or on behalf of the European Communities.

(2) Nothing contained in sub-paragraph (1) shall be construed as authorising the enforcement of a judgment or an arbitration award

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by execution on premises or official archives of the European Communities.

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6. (1) An officer of the European Communities who
- (a) holds the office of Delegate of the Commission of the European Communities;
  - (b) is a Representative of the Government of a Member State of the European Communities;
  - (c) is a Representative of the Institutions of the European Communities;
  - (d) is an expert or an adviser appointed for a period of at least 1 year to assist a person referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c),

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shall, if he is not a citizen of Barbados, have the immunities and privileges set out in Part II of the Second Schedule to the Act.

(2) Officers or servants of the European Communities other than those officers specified in sub-paragraph (1) shall, if they are not citizens of Barbados, have the immunities and privileges set out in Part III of the Second Schedule to the Act, except immunity from suit or legal process in respect of a civil action for damage alleged to have been caused by a motor vehicle belonging to or driven by such an officer or servant, or in respect of a traffic offence involving a motor vehicle.