

STATUTORY RULES.

1962. No. 29.

REGULATION UNDER THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES ACT 1952-1958.*

WHEREAS by section 7 of the *Diplomatic Immunities Act* 1952-1958 it is enacted that the regulations may provide that a person who holds a prescribed office in the service of the Government of a place (not being a country to which that Act applies) declared by the regulations to be a place within the Commonwealth of Nations to which that section applies is entitled to the immunity from suit and process and to the inviolability of official premises and official archives, to which he would be entitled if he were a consular officer of a sovereign power:

And whereas it is desirable—

- (a) to declare that Hong Kong, which is not a country to which that Act applies, is a place within the Commonwealth of Nations to which section 7 of that Act applies; and
- (b) to provide that the person who holds office of Hong Kong Government Trade Representative in Australia is entitled to the immunity and inviolability referred to in that section:

Now therefore I, the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulation under the *Diplomatic Immunities Act* 1952-1958.

Dated this *thirteenth* day of *March*, 1962.

DE L'ISLE
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

Sgt. G. E. BARNWICK
Minister of State for External Affairs.

AMENDMENTS OF THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES REGULATIONS.†

After regulation 4 of the Diplomatic Immunities Regulations the following regulations are added:—

“ 5. Hong Kong is declared to be a place within the Commonwealth of Nations to which section 7 of the Act applies.

Declaration of Hong Kong as a place for the purposes of section 7 of the Act.

“ 6.—(1.) For the purposes of section 7 of the Act, the office of Hong Kong Government Trade Representative in Australia is a prescribed office.

Consular immunity of Hong Kong Government Trade Representative.

“ (2.) A person who holds the office specified in the last preceding sub-regulation is entitled to the immunity from suit and legal process, and to the inviolability of official premises and official archives, to which he would be entitled if he were a consular officer of a foreign power.”

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on *27 March*, 1962.
† Statutory Rules 1959, No. 33.