

STATUTORY RULES.

1965. No. 50.

REGULATIONS 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 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 sovereign power:

And whereas, by regulations made under that Act, Hong Kong has been declared to be a place within the Commonwealth of Nations to which section 7 of that Act applies:

And whereas it is desirable to provide that persons who hold specified offices in the service of the Government of Hong Kong are entitled to the immunity and inviolability referred to in that section:

And whereas it is desirable—

- (a) to declare that Fiji 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 an office in the service of the Government of Fiji 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 Regulations under the *Diplomatic Immunities Act* 1952-1958.

Dated this Twenty-second
day of April, 1965.

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Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

Paul Hasluck

Minister of State for External Affairs.

AMENDMENTS OF THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES REGULATIONS.†

1. Regulation 6 of the *Diplomatic Immunities Regulations* is repealed and the following regulations are inserted in its stead:—

“6.—(1.) For the purposes of section 7 of the Act, each of the following offices in the service of the Government of Hong Kong is a prescribed office:—

- (a) the office of Hong Kong Government Trade Representative in Australia; and
- (b) the office of Assistant Hong Kong Government Trade Representative in Australia.

Consular
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certain officers
of the
Government
of Hong Kong.

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 30 April, 1965.

† Statutory Rules 1959, No. 33, as amended by Statutory Rules 1962 No. 29.

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" (2.) A person who holds an 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 sovereign power.

" 7. Fiji is declared to be a place within the Commonwealth of Nations to which section 7 of the Act applies.

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

" 8.—(1.) For the purposes of section 7 of the Act, the office of Fiji Government Representative in Australia is a prescribed office.

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" (2.) A person who holds an 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 sovereign power.