

LEGAL NOTICE No. 6

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR AND  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS) ACT, CHAP. 17:01

ORDER

MADE BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE PRIVILEGES  
AND IMMUNITIES (DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR AND INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANISATIONS) ACT

THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (COMMISSION OF THE  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES) ORDER, 1994

1. This Order may be cited as the Privileges and Immunities Citation  
(Commission of the European Communities) Order, 1994.

2. In this Order—

Interpretation

“Commission” means the Commission of the European  
Communities;

“the Vienna Convention” means the Vienna Convention on  
Diplomatic Relations signed at Vienna on 18th April, 1961.

3. (1) The European Communities shall have legal personality and  
such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions  
and the fulfillment of its purposes and, in particular, it shall have the  
capacity—

Juridical  
personality

(a) to contract;

(b) to acquire and dispose of real and personal property; and

(c) to be a party to legal proceedings.

(2) In exercising its functions under subparagraph (1) the  
European Communities shall be represented by the Commission.

4. Subject to paragraphs 5 and 6, the delegation of the  
Commission, its head and members together with members of their  
families forming part of their respective households are hereby granted  
the same privileges and immunities as are granted to diplomatic  
missions accredited to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and  
their heads and members and to members of their families forming part  
of their respective households under the privileges and Immunities  
(Diplomatic, Consular and International Organizations) Act subject to  
the same conditions and obligations in conformity with the provisions of  
the Vienna Convention.

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Conditions applicable to conferral of privileges and immunities

5. The privileges and immunities referred to in paragraph 4 shall be accorded on condition that the member states of the European Communities accord the same privileges and immunities to the Mission of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to the European Communities, to its head and to its members, as well as to the members of their families forming part of their respective households in conformity with the provisions of article 17 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities annexed to the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities done at Brussels on April 8, 1965.

Non-applicability of privileges and immunities

6. The privileges and immunities accorded to the head and members of the delegation of the Commission and to members of their families forming part of their respective households under paragraph 4 shall not be accorded to members of the staff, other than the diplomatic agents, who are nationals of or permanently resident in Trinidad and Tobago or are recruited locally.

Laissez-passer

7. The laissez-passer issued by the European Communities to officials and other servants of its institutions shall be recognised as valid travel documents.

Made this 27th day of October, 1994.

C. SOOKRAM  
*Secretary to Cabinet*

Approved by the Senate this 20th day of December, 1994.

R. CUMBERBATCH  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*

Approved by the House of Representatives this 6th day of January, 1995.

N. COX  
*Acting Clerk of the House*