

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE  
(IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES) ACT**

Act 34 of 1980 – 5 April 1979

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**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the International Development Research Centre (Immunities and Privileges) Act.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act—

“Agreement” means the General Projects Agreement entered into by Mauritius and the International Development Research Centre on 5 April 1979;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of finance is assigned;

“officer” means an employee or agent of the organisation—

- (a) who is not a citizen of Mauritius; and
- (b) whose name and description have been notified to and approved by the Minister;

“organisation” means the International Development Research Centre.

**3. Corporate status**

The organisation shall be a body corporate.

**4. Privileges and immunities**

(1) Notwithstanding any other enactment, the organisation shall, in relation to any activity carried on under the Agreement—

- (a) subject to section 5 of the Customs Tariff Act, be exempt from the payment of customs duty on imported goods;

- (b) not be liable to registration duty in respect of any deed under which it is the sole beneficiary;
- (c) not be liable to any other duty, rate, charge or tax;
- (d) be entitled to transfer freely from Mauritius any sum received—
  - (i) from the sale of its property;
  - (ii) as a result of any other realisation connected with its activities under the Agreement.

(2) Notwithstanding any other enactment, an officer shall, in relation to any activity of the organisation, on any act required to be done by him, under the Agreement—

- (a) not be liable to any duty, rate, charge or tax;
- (b) subject to section 7 of the Immigration Act, be deemed to be an exempted person for the purposes of that Act;
- (c) be entitled to transfer freely from Mauritius any sum received by way of wages, salary or commission or otherwise.

(3) No officer shall be subject to any enactment relating to any national insurance, pension or industrial injury benefit scheme, and the organisation shall not, in relation to an officer, be subject to that enactment.

(4) For the purposes of the activities of the organisation in relation to the Agreement, the organisation and its officers shall be exempt from—

- (a) the Non-Citizens (Employment Restriction) Act;
- (b) the Non-Citizens (Property Restriction) Act.

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