

Privileges of “Professional” Staff at SEAMEO Secretariat

(as provided in Article 12 of the Agreement between the Government of Thailand and SEAMEO regarding the Headquarters of SEAMEO in Thailand

“Article 12”

1. International officials whose names are communicated to and approved by appropriate Thai authorities shall be:
 - a) immune from legal process in respect of all activities performed by them in carrying out their official functions (including words spoken or written);
 - b) exempt from all direct taxation on salaries and emoluments paid to them by the Organization;
 - c) exempt, together with their spouses and children dependent on them, from the immigration restrictions and alien registration;
 - d) granted, with regard to foreign exchange, the same facilities as are granted to resident members of diplomatic missions of comparable rank;
 - e) accorded, together with their spouses and children dependent on them, the same repatriation facilities in time of international crisis as members of diplomatic missions accredited to Thailand;
 - f) exempt from customs duties on the following articles imported within six months after their first arrival to take up their post in Thailand or after the entry into force of this Agreement, whichever is later:
 - i) personal effects
 - ii) household effects
 - iii) one motor vehicle for an official, subject to the same regulations concerning the importation, transfer and replacement of automobiles as are in force for the resident members of diplomatic missions of comparable ranks.
2. Other officials of SEAMES shall be accorded the privileges specified in paragraphs 1(b), (c) and (f) i-ii.”