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(Ordinance 2 of 1979)

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE GRANTING TO CERTAIN
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS LICENSED UNDER THE BANKING ORDINANCE OF
CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXES, LEVIES, CHARGES AND STAMP DUTY, AND TO
AUTHORISE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF THE ASSETS OF SUCH INSTITUTIONS INTO
OR OUT OF THE ISLANDS.

Commencement
[24 July 1979]

Short title
1. This Ordinance may be cited as the International Financial Institutions
Ordinance.

Interpretation
2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

“banking business” has the meaning given to that term in the Banking
Ordinance;

“oversea banking licence” means an oversea banking licence authorising a
financial institution to carry on banking business from within the Islands,
issued under the Banking Ordinance;

“financial institution” has the meaning given to that term in the Banking
Ordinance;

“international financial institution” means a financial institution which holds an
oversea banking licence;

“international banking business” means banking business which is authorised to
be carried on by a financial institution holding an oversea banking licence.

Power to grant certain tax, etc. exemptions to international financial
institutions
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Ordinance, if the Governor is
satisfied that it is in the public interest and desirable for the purpose of
encouraging financial institutions to engage in international banking business
from within the Islands or of giving effect to any agreement made between the
Government and any company desirous of engaging in or promoting such
banking business, he may by order grant to any international financial institution,
in relation to any banking business carried out by or through such institution,
exemption from any taxes, levies, charges and stamp duty for such period and
upon such conditions as may be specified therein.
Transfer of assets of international financial institution

4. Subject to the provisions of section 9 of the Banking Ordinance all assets of any international financial institution and of its customers held within the Islands shall at all times be permitted to be moved freely into or out of the Islands without the requirement for any prior consent on the part of the Government of the Islands or any of its officers.

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Exemption orders under section 3 of the Ordinance have been made in relation to the following—

(a) Turks and Caicos Banking Co. Ltd. L.N. 54/1980
(b) Bank of Nova Scotia G.N. 96/1982 (c)
    Turcai Bank and Trust Company Ltd. G.N. 102/1982

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