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## State Intelligence

### NORTHERN IRELAND COURT SERVICE

Notice is hereby given that the County Court Rules Committee appointed by the Lord Chancellor under Article 46 of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Article 47 of that Order and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, have made a Statutory Rule entitled the County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1982.

These Rules, which come into operation on 1st June 1982, amend the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1981 so as to:

- (1) increase the remuneration of an assessor;
- (2) increase the amount to be paid or tendered to a witness at the time of service of a witness summons;
- (3) increase the rate of interest on debts due from the estate of a deceased person from 4% per annum to the rate payable on the amount awarded by decree (i.e., 15% at present);
- (4) increase the rate of interest on legacies from 4% to 5% per annum;
- (5) effect amendments to Order 35 (Ejectment Proceedings) which are consequential on the repeal of sections 70 and 71 of the Landlord and Tenant Law Amendment Act, Ireland, 1860;
- (6) effect amendments which are consequential on the increase in county court jurisdiction and other minor amendments;
- (7) amend the provisions as to costs.

Copies of the Rules — Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1982 No. 120 — may be obtained from the Government Bookshop, 80 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JY.

Notice is hereby given that the Lord Chancellor, in pursuance of Articles 141(1) and 80(1) (b) of the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, has made a Statutory Rule entitled the Judgment Enforcement (Administration Order Jurisdiction) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1982.

These rules, which come into operation on 1st June 1982, increase the jurisdiction of the Enforcement of Judgments Office to make administration orders, by raising from £2,000 to £5,000 the limit on the total of unsecured

debts of a debtor in respect of whom an order may be made.

Copies of the rules — Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1982 No. 121 — may be obtained from the Government Bookshop, 80 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JY.

Notice is hereby given that the Lord Chancellor, in pursuance of Article 22(1) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, has made a Statutory Rule entitled the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982.

This Order, which comes into operation on 1st June 1982, increases the financial limits of civil jurisdiction of county courts:

- (a) from £2,000 to £5,000 in actions founded on tort or contract and in actions for money recoverable by statute;
- (b) from £6,000 to £15,000 in equity matters;
- (c) from £200 to £300 in respect of arbitrations (small claims);
- (d) from £500 to £1,000 in actions for libel or slander;
- (e) from £2,000 to £5,000 in respect of extortionate credit agreements under section 139 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974; and
- (f) from £75 to £500, the annual value of lands in respect of which actions may be brought in the county court under sections 45, 46, 52 and 72 of the Landlord and Tenant Law Amendment (Ireland) Act 1860.

Copies of the Order — Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1982 No. 122 — may be obtained from the Government Bookshop, 80 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JY.

### SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS ENTITLED THE SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT (CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 1982

The Social Security Advisory Committee give notice that they have been asked by the Secretary of State for Social