

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Ireland Supreme Court Rules Committee, being the authority having for the time being power under section 55 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 to make, amend or revoke rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland, hereby, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor and in exercise of those powers has made a Statutory Rule entitled: The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) 1996.

These Rules, which come into operation on 4th November 1996, amend the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1980 in consequence of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to:

- (a) add a new rule to Order 80 (Disability) providing for the appointment in certain circumstances of a guardian of a child's fortune or estate;
- (b) amend Order 98 (Matrimonial and Family Proceedings) (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 to prescribe the procedure for an application for a declaration of parentage;
- (c) revoke Order 74 (Alteration of Maintenance Agreements) and Order 90 rules 6 to 8 (Applications under Guardianship of Infants Act 1886).

Copies of the Rules, Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1996 No. 321, may be obtained from HMSO Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD. ISBN 0 337 92281 0, £1.95.

Notice is hereby given that the Crown Court Rules Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 52(1) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 and Article 50(7) of the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, has, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, made a Statutory Rule entitled: The Crown Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996.

These Rules, which come into operation on 25th August, 1996, amend the Crown Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1979 principally to take account of the repeal and replacement of the Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (as amended) by the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

The Rules substitute a new Part VII into the 1979 Rules to provide for various matters arising under the 1996 Order, including:

- (a) the statements and other documents to be tendered to the Court under Articles 15 and 16 of the 1996 Order (rule 52);
- (b) applications under Article 14(2) of the 1996 Order for the term of imprisonment or detention fixed in default of payment of a confiscation order to be increased to take account of interest on the unsatisfied order (rule 53);
- (c) applications for the variation and discharge of orders under Article 50(2) of the 1996 Order (rule 54);
- (d) applications by the defendant or prosecutor under Article 11 of the 1996 Order for the postponement of the making of a confiscation order or the extension of such postponement (rule 54A);
- (e) applications under Articles 17, 18 and 19 of the 1996 Order for, respectively, the reconsideration of cases where the defendant's proceeds of crime were not assessed, the reassessment of the defendant's proceeds of crime and the revised assessment of a defendant's proceeds of crime (rule 54B);
- (f) the giving of notice to the Master (Queen's Bench and Appeals) that a confiscation order has been cancelled under Article 27 of the 1996 Order (rule 54C);

The Rules also make a consequential amendment to rule 46 of the 1979 Rules and delete Part IX of those Rules to take account of the lapsing of the confiscation provisions in the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1991.

The Rules also amend the Crown Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 to rectify an error in the citation provision. Copies of the Rules (Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1996 No. 281) may be obtained from HMSO Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD. ISBN 0 337 92241 1, £1.55.

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These Rules, which come into operation on 25th August, 1996, amend the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1980 so as to:

- (a) insert a new Rule 16 in Order 116 to take account of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 1995, which makes provision for the purpose of enabling the enforcement in the United Kingdom of certain types of external forfeiture or restraint orders made by a court in a designated country or territory;
- (b) substitute a new Part II in Order 116 to take account of the lapsing of the confiscation provisions in the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1991 and the replacement of the Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (as amended) by the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996. The new Part II provides for the procedure to be followed in applications to the High Court under the 1996 Order. The new Part II also takes account of any Order in Council made under section 9 of the Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990;
- (c) make other minor amendments to Order 41.

Copies of the Rules (Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1996 No. 282) may be obtained from HMSO Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD. ISBN 0 337 92242 X, £2.80.

Notice is hereby given that the Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 47 of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 has allowed a Statutory Rule entitled: County Court (Amendment No. 3) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996.

These Rules, which come into operation on 2nd September 1996, amend the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1981 to provide for applications under Article 42A (Powers of Court exercisable before commencement of action) and Article 42B (Power of Court to order disclosure of documents, inspection of property etc in proceedings for personal injuries or death) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 as inserted by the County Courts (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

Copies of the Rules (Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1996 No. 295) may be obtained from HMSO Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD. ISBN 0 337 92255 1, £1.95.

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These Rules, which come into operation on 1st September, 1996, amend the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1980 to:

- (a) increase the costs allowed to a litigant in person and the fixed costs recoverable under Appendix 3 of Order 62;
- (b) provide for short form taxation in respect of individual items of disbursement in dispute; and
- (c) substitute a new Order 100 to provide for applications under the Trade Marks Act 1994, the Olympic Symbol etc (Protection) Act 1995 and the Olympic Association Right (Infringement Proceedings) Regulations 1995.