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SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT (CHAPTER 322)

RULES OF COURT (AMENDMENT NO. 6) RULES 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred on us by section 80 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act and all other powers enabling us under any written law, we, the Rules Committee, hereby make the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Rules of Court (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2014 and shall come into operation on 1 January 2015.

Amendment of Order 1

2. Order 1 of the Rules of Court (R 5, 2014 Ed.) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “, the Family Justice Courts” in Rule 2(1);

(b) by deleting item 4 of the Table below Rule 2(2) and substituting the following item:

“	4. Family	Family Justice	Order 57 and
	proceedings.	Act 2014	items 29 to 36 of
		(Act 27 of	Appendix B.
		2014), s. 46.	
			”;

(c) by deleting the definition of “Family Court proceedings” in Rule 4(1) and substituting the following definition:

“ “Family Court proceedings” means —

(a) before 1 October 2014, any proceedings which were heard by a District Judge, or by the Registrar of the State Courts, sitting

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- in the Family and Juvenile Justice Division of the State Courts, and any such proceedings which were transferred to the High Court;
- (b) on or after 1 October 2014 but before 1 January 2015, any proceedings in a Family Court (whether heard by a judge of the Family Court or by the Registrar of the Family Justice Courts), and any such proceedings which were transferred to the Family Division of the High Court; and
- (c) on or after 1 October 2014, any transferred proceedings referred to in paragraph (a) which are pending in the High Court on or after that date;”;
- (d) by deleting the words “, a judge of a Family Court” in the definition of “Judge” in Rule 4(1);
- (e) by deleting the words “, the Family Justice Courts” in the definitions of “officer” and “sign” in Rule 4(1);
- (f) by deleting the words “, the Registry of the Family Justice Courts” in the definition of “Registry” in Rule 4(1);
- (g) by deleting the words “a bailiff of the Family Justice Courts and” in the definition of “Sheriff” in Rule 4(1);
- (h) by deleting the words “the High Court, a Family Court or a District Court, or a judge of the High Court, judge of the Family Court or District Judge” in Rule 4(2) and substituting the words “the High Court or a District Court, or a judge of the High Court or District Judge”; and
- (i) by deleting Rule 7A.

Amendment of Order 11

3. Order 11 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting Rule 9 and substituting the following Rule:

“Service abroad of certain documents (O. 11, r. 9)

9.—(1) An originating process issued in the State Courts which is to be served out of Singapore in any jurisdiction (other than Malaysia or Brunei Darussalam) —

- (a) shall be sent by the Registrar of the State Courts to the Registrar of the Supreme Court; and
- (b) shall be served in accordance with these Rules relating to the service out of Singapore of an originating process issued in the Supreme Court.

(2) Every certificate of service received by the Registrar of the Supreme Court in respect of such service shall be transmitted by the Registrar of the Supreme Court to the Registrar of the State Courts.”.

Amendment of Order 15

4. Order 15, Rule 8 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Where an order is made under Rule 6 —

(a) the writ by which the action in question was begun must be amended accordingly and must be endorsed with —

(i) a reference to the order in pursuance of which the amendment is made; and

(ii) the date on which the amendment is made;

(b) the amendment must be made within such period as may be specified in the order or, if no period is so specified, within 14 days after the making of the order; and

(c) if the order is for any person to be added as a defendant, the date on which the amendment is made shall be deemed to be the date on which

the action was commenced against that person.”; and

- (b) by deleting the words “, the seal of the Family Justice Courts” in paragraphs (3) and (4)(b).

Amendment of Order 32

5. Order 32, Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (3).

Amendment of Order 33

6. Order 33, Rule 4(1) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “, section 27 of the Family Justice Act 2014 (Act 27 of 2014)”.

Amendment of Order 34

7. Order 34, Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “, the Presiding Judge of the Family Justice Courts”.

Amendment of Order 34A

8. Order 34A of the principal Rules is amended by deleting Rule 1A.

Amendment of Order 35

9. Order 35 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting Rule 4A; and
- (b) by deleting the words “, the Presiding Judge of the Family Justice Courts” in Rule 11(1).

Amendment of Order 38

10. Order 38 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “, the seal of the Family Justice Courts” in Rule 10(2)(a);
- (b) by deleting the words “, the Family Justice Courts” in Rule 10(2)(b); and

- (c) by deleting the words “, of any Family Justice Court” in Rule 20(1).

Amendment of Order 38A

11. Order 38A of the principal Rules is amended by deleting Rule 2A.

Amendment of Order 39

12. Order 39, Rule 2(3) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “a Family Court or”.

Amendment of Order 42

13. Order 42 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting Rule 4; and
- (b) by deleting the words “, the seal of the Family Justice Courts” in Rule 10(3).

Amendment of Order 50

14. Order 50 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “, the seal of the Family Justice Courts” in Rules 1(2) and 3.

Amendment of Order 52

15. Order 52, Rule 1(2) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (b).

Amendment of Order 53

16. Order 53, Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “or any Family Court”.

Amendment of Order 54

17. Order 54, Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “or any Family Court”.

Amendment of Order 55

18. Order 55, Rule 1(2) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “or from a Family Court,”.