STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1881 (L. 22)

SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES COUNTY COURT, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2015

Made - - - - 10th November 2015

Laid before Parliament 12th November2015

Coming into force in accordance with rule 2

The Civil Procedure Rule Committee, having power under section 2 of the Civil Procedure Act 1997(**1**) to make rules of court under section 1 of that Act and after consulting in accordance with section 2(6)(a) of the Civil Procedure Act 1997, makes the following Rules:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2015.

2. These Rules come into force on 3rd December 2015.

3. In these Rules a reference to a rule by number alone means the rule so numbered in the Civil Procedure Rules 1998(**2**).

Amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules 1998

4. In rule 26.2A—

(a) in paragraph (2), for "the preferred court or the defendant's home court or such other court", substitute "the defendant's home court or the preferred hearing centre or other County Court hearing centre";

(b) in paragraph (3)—

(i) after "if the defendant is an individual", insert "and the claim is for a specified sum of money"; and

(ii) for "will", in each place it appears, substitute "must";

(**1**) 1997 c.12. Section 2(1) was substituted by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4), section 15 and Schedule 4, Part 1. Section 1(3) was substituted by section 82(1) of the Courts Act 2003 (c.39) and further amended by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, sections 15 and 146 and Schedule 4, Part 1, paragraphs 261 and 262 and Schedule 18, paragraph 2. Section 1(1) was amended by the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c.22), section 17(5) and Schedule 9, Part 3, paragraph 67(a).

(**2**) S.I. 1998/3132, to which there are relevant amendments in S.I. 2011/3013, S.I. 2013/262, S.I. 2014/407 and S.I. 2014/867.