STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 24

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY COURTS

The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - -	*22nd January 2008*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*25th February 2008*

The Family Proceedings Rules Committee makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 12 of the Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993(**1**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 25th February 2008.

Amendments to the Family Proceedings Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996(2)

2. In rule 4.9 (*Service under this Part of the Rules*) for paragraph (1) substitute—

"(1) In proceedings to which this Part applies, where these rules require a document to be served, the court may direct that—

(a) the requirement shall not apply;

(b) service shall be effected in such manner as may be specified in the direction;

(c) the time specified by the rules for complying with the requirement shall be abridged to such extent as may be specified in the direction.".

3. In Appendix 1, in Form C20, in the Notes about the Emergency Protection Order omit "You may apply at any time, but the court will only hear an application to end an order **when 72 hours** have passed since the order was made.".

(**1**) S.I. 1993/1576 (N.I. 6); Article 12 was amended by paragraph 90 of Schedule 5 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4).
(**2**) **1996 No. 322 to which the most recent amendments were made by S.R. 2006 No. 304 and S.R. 2007 No. 324.**