STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2007 No. 324

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY COURTS

The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2007

Made - - - -	*2nd July 2007*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*5th September 2007*

The Family Proceedings Rules Committee make 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) 2007 and shall come into operation on 5th September 2007.

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

2. After rule 7.8 insert—

"**Evidence**

7.8A. The court may allow a witness to give evidence through a video link or by any other method of direct communication."

3. In rule 8.44 (*Service of a certificate under Article 41 of the Council Regulation*)—

(a) in the heading, after "Article 41" insert "or Article 42"; and

(b) in paragraph 1, after "Article 41" insert "or Article 42".

4. In rule 8.45 (*Registration of a certificate issued under Article 41 of the Council Regulation*)—

(a) in the heading, after "Article 41" insert "or Article 42"; and

(**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 relevant amendments were made by S.R. 2005 No. 497.**