STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 144

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY COURTS

The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - -	*17th March 2005*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*18th April 2005*

We, the Family Proceedings Rules Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred on us by Article 12 of the Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993(**1**) hereby with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, make the following Rules:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 18th April 2005.

(2) In these Rules "the principal Rules" means the Family Proceedings Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996(**2**).

Amendment of the Principal Rules

2. The Principal Rules shall be amended as follows:

(a) in rule 1.3 for the definition of "Master" there shall be substituted the following definition –

> ""Master" means
>
> (a) in relation to proceedings in the High Court, the Master (High Court) or the Master (Care and Protection) as the case may be; and
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> (b) in relation to proceedings in a county court a district judge;"; and

(b) in rule 4.17 after paragraph (6) add the following new paragraph –

(**1**) S.I.1993/1576 (N.I. 6)
(**2**) S.R. 1996 No. 322