STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 311

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

The Declarations of Parentage (Allocation of Proceedings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - -	*10th July 2004*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*6th September 2004*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 164(5) of, and Schedule 7 to, the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**), hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Declarations of Parentage (Allocation of Proceedings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 6th September 2004.

Amendment to the Declarations of Parentage (Allocation of Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002

2. The Declarations of Parentage (Allocation of Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002(**2**), is hereby amended:

(1) by inserting after Article 5 the following new Article 5A –

"**Transfer from one family proceedings court to another**

5A.—(1) A family proceedings court (the "transferring court") shall transfer proceedings under Article 31B of the Order of 1989 to another family proceedings court (the "receiving court") where –

(a) one of the persons named in the application is a child, and the court considers that the transfer would be in the interests of the child –

(i) because it is likely to significantly accelerate the determination of the proceedings,

(**1**) S.I.1995/755 (N.I. 2); Schedule 7 was amended by section 66(7) of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 8 to, the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4)

(**2**) S.R. 2002 No. 119