STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2002 No. 163

MAGISTRATES' COURTS

Magistrates' Courts (Blood Tests) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2002

Made - - - -	*25th April 2002*
Coming into operation	*20th May 2002*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 13 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**) on the advice of the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, hereby makes the following Rules:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Blood Tests) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2002 and shall come into operation on 20th May 2002.

2. In these Rules "the principal Rules" means the Magistrates' Courts (Blood Tests) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978(**2**) and any reference to a rule or Form by number alone is a reference to the rule or Form so numbered in the principal Rules or the Schedule to those Rules.

Saving

3. The amendments to the principal Rules made by these Rules shall not apply in respect of any proceedings commenced before these Rules come into operation.

Amendment of the principal Rules

4. In rule 2(1)—

(a) for the words ""blood samples" and "blood tests"" substitute the words ""bodily samples" and "scientific tests"";

(b) in the definition of "complaint", for the word "paternity" substitute the word "parentage";

(c) for the definition of "sampler", substitute the following new definition—

(**1**) S.I.1981/1675 (N.I. 26)
(**2**) S.R. 1978 No. 376 as amended by S.R. 1987 No. 417