1994 No. 472

COUNTY COURTS

County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made . . . . . *30th November 1994*

Coming into operation . . . *1st January 1995*

We, the County Court Rules Committee, appointed by the Lord Chancellor under Article 46 of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred on us by Article 47 of that Order and all other powers enabling us in that behalf, hereby make the following rules:—

Citation, interpretation and application

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1994.

(2) In these Rules a reference to an Order, Part or Rule, is a reference to that Order, Part or Rule as numbered in the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1981(**b**).

(3) Rule 2 of these Rules shall not apply to an appeal against any decision made by a magistrates' court before the coming into operation of these Rules.

Power to extend time to give notice of appeal from decision of a magistrates' court

2.—(1) In Article 144 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**c**) after paragraph (2) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

> "(2A) The period within which notice of appeal must be given and lodged under paragraph (1) may be extended, either before or after it expires, by the county court having jurisdiction in the county court division in which the magistrates' court sat, on an application made in accordance with county court rules.".

(2) In Order 32 after Part II there shall be inserted the following Part IIA:

(**a**) S.I. 1980/397 (N.I. 3)
(**b**) S.R. 1981 No. 225
(**c**) S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26)