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SUPREME COURT, NORTHERN IRELAND PROCEDURE

Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 1) 1977

Made . . . . . *9th March* 1977

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To be laid before Parliament

We, the Northern Ireland Supreme Court Rules Committee, being the authority having for the time being power under section 7 of the Northern Ireland Act 1962(a) to make, amend or revoke rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland exercise those powers and all other powers enabling us in that behalf as follows:—

1. Order 63 of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1936(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For rule 1 there shall be substituted the following rule:

"**1.** The sittings of the Court of Appeal and of the High Court shall be three in every year, that is to say—

(*a*) the Michaelmas sittings, which shall begin on 5th September and end on 21st December, subject to a recess from the Friday which falls on or nearest to 29th October to the following Monday, both days included.

(*b*) the Hilary sittings, which shall begin on 9th January and end on the Friday before Good Friday, and

(*c*) the Trinity sittings, which shall begin on the second Monday after Easter Sunday and end on 30th June."

(2) For rule 2 there shall be substituted the following rule:

"**2.** The vacations to be observed in the several Courts and offices of the Supreme Court shall be three in every year, viz. the Long Vacation, the Christmas Vacation, and the Easter Vacation. The Long Vacation shall begin on 1st July and shall end on 4th September; the Christmas Vacation shall begin on 22nd December and shall end on 8th January; and the Easter Vacation shall begin on the Saturday before Good Friday and end on the Sunday after Easter Sunday."

2. These rules may be cited as the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 1) 1977 and shall come into force on 18th April 1977.

(a) 1962 c. 30 (b) S.R. & O. 1936 No. 70 (II, p. 2559)