1976 No. 97

COUNTY COURTS

County Court (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . 16*th March* 1976

Coming into operation . . . 1*st April* 1976

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State(**a**), in pursuance of section 146 of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**b**) on the recommendation of the County Court Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, hereby makes the following rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These rules may be cited as the County Court (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1976.

Amendment of Rules of 1965

2. The provisions of the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965(**c**) specified in the first column of the Schedule are hereby amended to the extent specified in the second column thereof.

Saving for previous application of pre-existing scales

3. Nothing in these rules shall affect any action, suit or matter commenced before 1st April 1976 and the costs payable to solicitors and in respect of counsel shall in such action, suit or matter be those payable immediately before the commencement of these rules.

Merlyn Rees
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office,
15th March 1976

We concur in so much of the Schedule as amends Appendix ZM to the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965 (prescribing court fees).

J. Dormand
James A. Dunn
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

16th March 1976

(a) Formerly the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: *see* S.I. 1973/2163
(b) 1959 c. 25 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 261 (p. 1097) as amended by S.R. 1975 No. 345