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# **MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

## Affiliation Proceedings

RULES, DATED 2ND DECEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 23 OF THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964.

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 23 of the Magistrates' Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(a), section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(b) and of every other power enabling me in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, I hereby make the following Rules:-

### Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Affiliation Proceedings) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1973.

Birth certificate to be lodged in affiliation proceedings

2. In proceedings for an affiliation order under the Illegitimate Children (Affiliation Orders) Act (Northern Ireland) 1924(c) the complainant shall lodge with the clerk of petty sessions before the hearing of the complaint, where the birth of the child in respect of which the order is sought has been registered, a copy of the entry relating to its birth in the Register of Births.

Dated this 2nd day of December 1973.

W. S. I. Whitelaw, One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules require a complainant in affiliation proceedings to lodge in court before the hearing a copy of the child's birth certificate.

<sup>(</sup>a) 1964. c. 21 (N.I.).