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MAGISTRATES' COURTS

Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1973

RULES, DATED 11TH JULY 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 23 OF THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964.

I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM WHITELAW, M.C., M.P., in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 23 of the Magistrates' Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(**a**), section 106 of the Judgments (Enforcement) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(**b**) and section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(**c**) and all other powers enabling me in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, do hereby make the following Rules:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1973.

Amendment of interest rate on amounts decreed

2.—(1) In Rule 78A of the Magistrates' Courts Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965(**d**) for the words "four per cent per annum" there shall be substituted the words "seven per cent per annum".

(2) These Rules shall apply to the amount awarded by a decree or dismiss in proceedings commenced after the date on which these Rules come into operation and paragraph (2) of Rule 78A is revoked in its application to such a decree or dismiss.

Dated this 11th day of July 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 raise, subject to any direction of the court, the rate of interest from 4% to 7% on an amount awarded by a decree in debt proceedings under Part VII of the Magistrates' Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1964.

(**a**) 1964. c. 21 (N.I.). (**b**) 1969. c. 30 (N.I.).
(**c**) 1972. c. 22.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 206, as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 36.