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COUNTY COURTS

County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1973

RULES, DATED 23RD JULY 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 146 OF THE COUNTY COURTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959.

I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM WHITELAW, M.C., M.P., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 146 of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**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 County Court 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 County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1973.

Amendment of interest rate on amounts decreed

2.—(1) In Rule 1A of Order 29 of the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965(**d**) for the words "four pounds per centum per annum" there shall be substituted the words "seven pounds per centum 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.

Dated this 23rd 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 Judge, the rate of interest on an amount awarded by a decree in the County Court from 4% to 7% from the date on which the decree is made.

(**a**) 1959 c. 25. (**b**) 1969. c. 30 (N.I.).
(**c**) 1972. c. 22.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 261, as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 26.