1970. No. 339 **[C]**

COUNTY COURT RULES

Adoption

RULES, DATED 21ST DECEMBER 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 146 OF THE COUNTY COURTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959.

I, Major the Right Honourable James Dawson Chichester-Clark, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 146 of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(a), and all other powers thereunto enabling, do hereby, upon the recommendation of the County Court Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, make the Rules hereinafter set forth.

Dated this 21st day of December 1970.

J. D. Chichester-Clark,
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the County Court (Adoption) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1970 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1971.

Interpretation

2. In these Rules the reference to a Rule or Schedule is to a Rule of or the Schedule to the County Court (Adoption) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1969(b).

When medical certificate to be exhibited to petition

3. In paragraph (2) of Rule 9 in sub-paragraph (*f*) the words "or one of the petitioners" are revoked.

Amendment of Rules governing service of documents

4.—(1) In paragraph (1) of Rule 10 in sub-paragraph (*a*) after the words "the parents" there shall be inserted the words "(other than a petitioning parent)" and at the end of the paragraph insert:—

"and the court may, in its discretion, dispense with service of the copy of the petition or notice on any of the persons mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*e*).".

(2) In Rule 29(1) the words from "Without prejudice" to "in the county court" are revoked and after paragraph (4) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(5) Notwithstanding anything in Order 6 of the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965(c), any notice, petition or other document referred to in this Rule may be served by a process server, a solicitor or member of the staff of that solicitor's office over sixteen years of age."

(a) 1959. c. 25.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 279.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 261.