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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2001 No. 65**

**MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

**Magistrates' Courts (Terrorism Act  
2000) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2001**

*Made* - - - - *16th February 2001*

*Coming into operation* *19th February 2001*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 13 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981<sup>(1)</sup> and section 31 of the Terrorism Act 2000<sup>(2)</sup>, on the advice of the Magistrates' Courts 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 Magistrates' Courts (Terrorism Act 2000) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 19th February 2001.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Rules—

- (a) “the Act” means the Terrorism Act 2000 and a reference to a section by number is a reference to that section as numbered in the Act and expressions used which are defined in the Act have the same meaning as in the Act; and
- (b) any reference to the clerk of petty sessions is a reference to the clerk of petty sessions for the petty sessions district in which the seizure of cash under Part III of the Act was made.

**Application for continued detention of seized cash**

3.—(1) An application under section 26(1) for an order for continued detention of cash seized under section 25 shall be made to a magistrates' court in writing in Form 1.

(2) The applicant shall give—

- (a) a copy of the application under paragraph (1); and
- (b) notification of the hearing of the application;

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(1) S.I.1981/1675 (N.I. 26)  
(2) 2000 c. 11

to the person from whom the cash was seized.

(3) A magistrates' court considering an application under section 26(1) shall require the matters contained in it to be sworn by the applicant on oath, may require the applicant to answer any questions on oath, and may require any statement in response by the person from whom the cash was seized to be made on oath.

(4) The magistrates' court shall record or cause to be recorded in writing the substance of any statements made under oath which are not already recorded in the application, under paragraph (1).

#### **Unattended parcels and other containers**

4. In rules 3 and 7, references to the person from whom the cash was seized include references to the sender and the intended recipient, where this is known, of a letter, parcel, container or other means of unattended dispatch, but a magistrates' court shall not decline to hear an application in such a case solely on the ground that it has not been proved that the sender or intended recipient has received a copy of the application and notification of hearing under rule 3(2).

#### **Order and notice of order for continued detention of seized cash**

5.—(1) An order made under section 26(1) shall be in Form 2.

(2) Notice of any order made under section 26(1) shall be given forthwith by the court to the person from whom the cash was seized and to any other person who is affected by, and specified in, the said order. Notice shall be in Form 3 and shall be accompanied by a copy of the order.

#### **Subsequent applications**

6.—(1) An application under section 26(4) for a further order for the continued detention of cash shall be made in writing in Form 4 and shall be lodged with the clerk of petty sessions and shall be accompanied by a copy of the relevant order for continued detention.

(2) A copy of the application under paragraph (1) shall be given by the applicant to the person from whom cash was seized and to any other person affected by, and specified in, the order made in relation to the application under section 26(1).

(3) An application under section 27(2) for the release of detained cash shall be made in writing, shall state the grounds on which it is made, and shall be lodged with the clerk of petty sessions.

(4) The clerk of petty sessions who receives an application in accordance with paragraph (1) shall fix a date for the hearing of the application, shall notify the applicant and every person to whom notice of the order for continued detention has been given of the date fixed for the hearing which, unless the clerk of petty sessions directs otherwise in any particular case, shall not be within seven days of the date on which the application is received.

(5) The requirements of paragraph (4) shall also apply to any application made in accordance with paragraph (3) and the clerk of petty sessions shall in addition give a copy of the written application to every person, other than the applicant, to whom notice of the order for continued detention has been given.

(6) At the hearing of an application received in accordance with paragraph (1) or (3), the magistrates' court shall require the matters contained in the application to be sworn by the applicant on oath, may require the applicant to answer any questions on oath, and may require any response from the respondent to the application to be made on oath.

(7) If the court is satisfied that a further order for continued detention of cash should be made under section 26(4), it shall endorse the order for continued detention accordingly, and a copy of the order so endorsed shall be given by the clerk of petty sessions to every person to whom notice of the order for continued detention has been given.

### **Order for release of cash**

7. An order under section 27(3) for the release of detained cash shall be in Form 5, and shall provide for the release of the cash within seven days of the date of the making of the order or such longer period as with the agreement of the person from whom the cash was seized may be specified in the order, except that the cash shall not be released while section 27(5) applies.

### **Forfeiture**

8.—(1) An application under section 28 of the Act for the forfeiture of detained cash shall be made in writing in Form 6 and shall be lodged with the clerk of petty sessions.

(2) A copy of the application under paragraph (1) shall be given by the applicant to the person from whom cash was seized and to any other person affected by, and specified in, the order made in relation to the application under section 26(1).

(3) The clerk of petty sessions who receives such an application shall fix a date for the hearing, shall notify the applicant and every person to whom notice of an order for continued detention has been given of the hearing date. Unless the clerk of petty sessions directs otherwise in any particular case, the date for hearing shall not be within seven days of the date on which the application is received.

(4) At the hearing of an application received in accordance with paragraph (1), the magistrates' court shall require the matters contained in the application to be sworn by the applicant on oath, may require the applicant to answer any questions on oath, and may require any response from the respondent to the application and from any other party heard by the court in accordance with section 28(3) to be made on oath.

### **Order for forfeiture of detained cash**

9. An order for the forfeiture of detained cash made by a magistrates' court under section 28 shall be in Form 7 and a copy of the order shall be given to every person to whom notice of the order for continued detention was given and to every party heard by the court in accordance with section 28(3) when considering the application.

### **Appeal against order forfeiting cash**

10.—(1) Where an appeal against a forfeiture order is made to the county court under section 29(1) the appellant shall, within the period prescribed by section 29, serve on:

- (a) every person to whom notice of the order for continued detention of cash was given; and
- (b) every person heard by the magistrates' court in accordance with section 28(3) when the court considered the application for the forfeiture order which is subject of the appeal,

notice of his appeal in writing in Form 8 and shall within the said period serve a copy of such notice on the clerk of petty sessions.

(2) The notice of appeal to be served on the parties and the copy of the notice to be served on the clerk of petty sessions under paragraph (1) shall be prepared and signed by the appellant or by his solicitor or other duly authorised agent and shall contain his address or that of his solicitor or other duly authorised agent.

(3) The copy of the notice served on the clerk of petty sessions shall be endorsed with the date upon which and the manner in which the notice was served.

(4) As soon as practicable after the clerk of petty sessions has received the notice of appeal, the resident magistrate or justice of the peace from whose order the appeal is to be brought or the clerk of petty sessions shall in Form 9 ("the form of appeal") set out the terms of the order appealed

against and that form shall include a certificate signed by the clerk of petty sessions to the effect that notice of appeal has been given.

(5) As soon as practicable after complying with the above paragraphs, the clerk of petty sessions shall—

- (a) send to the chief clerk for the county court division in which the appeal will be heard, the copy of the notice of appeal and the form of appeal duly completed; and
- (b) send to the appellant and to the respondent a copy of the form of appeal.

(6) After the county court has decided an appeal under section 29(1), the chief clerk for the county court division for which that county court is held shall, within seven days of that decision, certify the decision at the foot of the form of appeal and shall transmit the form of appeal to the clerk of petty sessions, who shall enter the decision in his Order Book.

(7) Any notice of abandonment of an appeal under section 29 shall be in Form 10.

### **Application for release of cash for appeal**

**11.**—(1) An application under section 29(3) for the release of cash to meet the appellant's legal expenses, in connection with his appeal under section 29(1), shall be made in writing to the magistrates' court which made the order for forfeiture under section 28 and shall contain the name and address of the solicitor instructed by the appellant and the amount requested to be released, together with any evidence in support of the application.

(2) The clerk of petty sessions who receives such an application shall fix a date for the hearing, shall notify the applicant thereof, and shall notify every person to whom notice of an order for forfeiture was given of the application and the date fixed for hearing.

(3) An order for the release of cash under section 29(3) shall be in Form 11.

### **Joinder**

**12.** At any hearing of an application under section 26(1), 26(4), 27(2) or 28(1), or on the application of any person affected by an order for continued or further detention, the court may, if it thinks fit, order that such a person be joined as a party to the proceedings and, if the court so orders, otherwise than at such a hearing, the clerk of petty sessions shall give notice to the other parties of the joinder.

### **Notice**

**13.**—(1) Any notice, notification, copy of any order or any other document required to be given to any person under the provisions of rule 5(2), 6(4), (5) and (7), 8(3), 10(5)-(7), 11 or 12 may be given by ordinary first class post to his last known address.

(2) A notice under rule 10(1) shall be served in accordance with section 24(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(3).

### **Procedure at hearings**

**14.** At the hearing of an application under section 26(1), 26(4), 27(2) or 28(1), any person to whom notice of the application has been given, or should have been given, may attend and be heard on the question whether a further order should be made, an existing order should be discharged, or a forfeiture order should be made, as the case may be, but the fact that any such person does not attend shall not prevent the court from hearing the application.

15. The Magistrates' Courts Rules (Northern Ireland) 1984(4) shall have effect subject to the provisions of these Rules.

Dated 16th February 2001

*Irvine of Lairg, C.*

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SCHEDULE

Rule 2

Form 1 Terrorism Act 2000

Rule 3

(section 26(1), Rule 3)

Application for Continued Detention of Seized Cash

of  
 Applicant  
 of  
 Respondent(s)

} Petty Sessions District of  
 County Court Division of

Person from whom cash was seized\* .....

Address of that person\* .....

Names and addresses of any other persons likely to be affected by an order for detention of the cash (if known) .....

Amount seized (estimated\*\*)

Date of seizure .....

Time of seizure .....

Place of seizure .....

(Name of applicant ..... of

..... (address and official

position of applicant) will apply [at .....

(place) on ..... (date) at ..... (time)\*\*\*], for an

order under section 26(1) of the Terrorism Act 2000 authorising the continued detention of the above-mentioned cash and will state upon oath that

(a) there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the cash is intended to be used for the purposes of terrorism, or that it forms the whole or part of the resources of a proscribed organisation, or that it is the proceeds of the commission of acts of terrorism or the proceeds of acts carried out for the purposes of terrorism, namely—

(state grounds) .....

.....

and

(b) the continued detention of the cash for a period of ..... (not exceeding the limits referred to in section 26(2) of the Act) is justified

(1) pending completion of an investigation into its origin or derivation\*\*;

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(ii) pending a determination whether to institute criminal proceedings (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) which relate to the cash\*\*.

Dated this                      day of                      20                      .  
Applicant

- \* In the case of a letter, parcel, container or other means of unattended dispatch, insert names, if known, of sender and intended recipient
- \*\* Delete as appropriate
- \*\*\* Details of the time, date and place at which the hearing of the application is to be heard should always be included, unless these details are not known to the applicant.

**NOTE TO THE APPLICANT:**

- (1) You must give a copy of this application and notification of the hearing of it to the person from whom the cash was seized. The magistrates' court that considers this application will require the facts alleged in it to be sworn on oath and may require the applicant to answer any questions on oath. The magistrates' court may require any statement in response by the person from whom the cash was seized to be given on oath
- (2) A person from whom cash has been seized may, at any time, apply under section 27(3) of the Terrorism Act 2000 to a magistrates' court for the release of the cash.

Form 2 **Terrorism Act 2000**

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Rule 5

(Section 26(1), Rule 5)

**Order for Continued Detention of Seized Cash**

of	}	Petty Sessions District of
Applicant		
of	}	County Court Division of
Respondent(s)		

Date of hearing .....

Person from whom money seized\* .....

Address of that person\* .....

Amount seized .....

Date of seizure .....

Time of seizure .....

Place of seizure .....

Names and addresses of any other persons whom the court has identified as being affected by this order .....

On the application of ..... (name of applicant), after hearing oral evidence from the applicant [and representations from ..... (name), being the person from whom the cash was seized.]

*Decision*

It is ordered that the above-mentioned cash be continued to be detained for a period of ..... (state period up to a maximum of three months) from the date of this order or until its release may be sooner directed.

*Important*

Notice of this order must be given forthwith to the person from whom the cash was seized and any other person specified in this order as being affected by it. Such notice shall be in the prescribed form (Form 3 in the Schedule to the Magistrates' Courts (Terrorism Act 2000) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2001) and shall be accompanied by a copy of this order.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 20 ..

Signed

[Resident Magistrate]  
[Justice of the Peace]  
[Clerk of Petty Sessions]

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**Form 3 Terrorism Act 2000**

Rule 5

*(section 26(2), Rule 3)*

**Notice to Persons affected by Order for Continued Detention of Seized Cash**

of	}	Petty Sessions District of
Applicant		
of	}	County Court Division of
Respondent(s)		

Cash in the sum of . . . . . (amount) was seized on . . . . . (date and time) at . . . . . (place) from . . . . . (person from whom seized), and on . . . . . (date of order) an order was made under section 26(1) of the Terrorism Act 2000 authorising the continued detention of the cash for a period of . . . . . (state period). A copy of the order is enclosed with this notice

You are being given notice of the order because it appears to the court that you may be affected by it. You may apply to a magistrates' court for the release of the cash under section 27(2) of the Terrorism Act 2000.

At the end of the above-mentioned period of detention an application may be made under section 26(4) of the Terrorism Act 2000 to the appropriate magistrates' court for further detention of the cash. You will be notified by that court if such an application is made, or if any other person makes an application to the court for release of the cash.

Signed

[Resident Magistrate]  
[Justice of the Peace]  
[Clerk of Petty Sessions]

Date

**Form 4 Terrorism Act 2000**

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Rule 6

(section 26(4), Rule 6)

**Further Application for Continued Detention of Seized Cash**

of	}	Petty Sessions District of
Applicant		
of	}	County Court Division of
Respondent(s)		

Date of order for continued detention of seized cash [order attached ]

.....  
(Name of applicant) ..... of

.....  
..... (Address and official position of applicant)

applies for an order under section 26(4) of the Terrorism Act 2000 authorising the continued detention of cash in the sum of . . . . . (amount).

*Note to the Applicant*

This application must wherever possible be submitted to the clerk of petty sessions at least seven days before the expiry of the last period of detention which was ordered by the court. You must attach to this application a copy of the order made in relation to the application under section 26(1), and send copies of both documents to the person from whom the cash was seized and any other person specified in the order made in relation to the application under section 26(1).

Dated this                      day of                      20 .

Signed

Applicant

To: The clerk of petty sessions for the petty sessions district of . . . . . being the district in which the seizure of cash was made.

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Rule 7

*(section 27(3), Rule 7)*

**Order for release of Detained Cash**

of	}	Petty Sessions District of
Applicant		
of	}	County Court Division of
Respondent(s)		

By the magistrates' court sitting at .....  
 (place) on ..... (date). On  
 the application of ..... (name of applicant),  
 of .....  
 (address of applicant), after hearing oral evidence from .....  
 ..... /representations from .....

*Decision*

It is ordered by the court that the sum of ..... together with the interest accruing thereon in accordance with section 27(1) of the Terrorism Act 2000, be released to or to the order of ..... (name) on or before ..... (date not more than 7 days from date of order or such later date as with the agreement of the person from whom the cash has been seized may be specified except where section 27(5) of the Terrorism Act 2000 applies).

Dated this                      day of                      20 .

Signed

[Resident Magistrate]  
 [Justice of the Peace]  
 [Clerk of Petty Sessions]

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Rule 8

(section 28, Rule 8)

**Application for Forfeiture of Cash Seized under section 28 of the Terrorism Act 2000**

of	}	Petty Sessions District of
Applicant		
of	}	County Court Division of
Respondent(s)		

(Name of applicant) ..... of (address and official position of applicant) applies for an order under section 28 of the Terrorism Act 2000 for the forfeiture of cash in the sum of ..... (amount) seized on ..... (date and time) from ..... (person from whom seized), together with any interest accruing thereon pursuant to section 27(1) of that Act, on the grounds that the said cash—

- (i) is intended to be used for the purposes of terrorism and/or\*
- (ii) forms the whole or part of the resources of a proscribed organisation, and/or\*
- (iii) is the proceeds of the commission of acts of terrorism or the proceeds of acts carried out for the purposes of terrorism.

Dated this                      day of                      20 .

Signed

Applicant

To: The clerk of petty sessions for the petty sessions district of .....

\*Delete as appropriate

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*(section 28, Rule 9)*

**Order for forfeiture of detained cash made under section 28  
of the Terrorism Act 2000**

of	}	Petty Sessions District of
Applicant		
of	}	County Court Division of
Respondent(s)		

Date of hearing.....  
 Person from whom money seized\*.....  
 Address of that person\*.....  
 Amount seized.....  
 Date of seizure.....  
 Time of seizure .. .. .  
 Place of seizure .. .. .  
 Names and addresses of any other persons whom the court has identified as being  
 affected by the above-mentioned order for continued detention of the cash, .. .. .  
 .. .. .  
 .. .. .

On the application of .. .. . (name of applicant), after hearing oral  
 evidence from the applicant [and representations from .. .. . (name),  
 being the person from whom the cash was seized/a person likely to be affected by  
 the above-mentioned order for continued detention/a person who claims in  
 accordance with section 28(3) of the Terrorism Act 2000 to be the owner of or  
 otherwise interested in any of the cash which is to be forfeited.]  
 It is ordered that the above-mentioned cash be forfeited.

*Note to the Parties to these proceedings*  
 Any party to the proceedings in which this forfeiture order is made except for the  
 applicant for the order may appeal against the order under section 29 of the Act to  
 the county court. The appeal must be brought before the end of the period of 30 days  
 beginning with the date on which this order was made.

Dated this                      day of                      20   .

Signed  
  
 [Resident Magistrate]  
 [Justice of the Peace]  
 [Clerk of Petty Sessions]

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insert names, if known, of sender and intended recipient.

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Rule 10

(section 29, Rule 10)

**Notice of Appeal to the County Court**

of	}	Petty Sessions District of
Appellant		
of	}	County Court Division of
Respondent(s)		

TAKE NOTICE that I, ..... (name of person whose cash is subject to forfeiture order) intend to appeal to ..... county court sitting at ..... (place) on ..... (date) against a forfeiture order made by ..... magistrates' court on ..... (date).

Dated this ..... day of ..... 20

Signed ..... Party appealing  
[Solicitor or Agent for Party appealing]

To: ..... of (address) and to The Clerk of Petty Sessions for the above-named Petty Sessions District.

Served on ..... (date)

by  
(insert manner of service)

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Rule 10

(section 29, Rule 10)

**Form of Appeal to County Court**

of	}	Petty Sessions District of
Appellant		
of	}	County Court Division of
Respondent(s)		

I CERTIFY that upon the hearing of an application for the forfeiture of cash under section 28 of the Terrorism Act 2000 AN ORDER WAS MADE ON . . . . . (date), by a magistrates' court of the above district forfeiting the cash of . . . . . (name of person whose cash is subject to forfeiture order).

This                      day of                      20 . . . . .  
Clerk of Petty Sessions

I CERTIFY notice of appeal lodged.

This                      day of                      20 . . . . .  
Clerk of Petty Sessions

I CERTIFY that upon the hearing of the said appeal on the day of . . . . . the county court ordered that

This                      day of                      20 . . . . .  
Chief Clerk

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Rule 10

*(section 29, Rule 10)*

**Notice by Clerk of Petty Sessions to Chief Clerk of abandonment of appeal to the County Court**

of

Appellant.

of

Respondent(s)



Petty Sessions District of

County Court Division of

**THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE** that I have received from the above-named Appellant notice that he has abandoned his appeal to the county court against a forfeiture order made by the magistrates' court for the above-named petty sessions district sitting on the                      day of                      20                      .

This                      day of                      20                      .

Clerk of Petty Sessions

To the Chief Clerk

at

Copy to the Respondent

of

Form 11 **Terrorism Act 2000**



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*(section 29(3), Rule 11)*

**Order for Release of Detained Cash (to meet legal expenses)**

of	}	Petty Sessions District of
Applicant		
of	}	County Court Division of
Respondent(s)		

By the magistrates' court sitting at .....  
 (place) on ..... (date)  
 On the application of ..... (name  
 of applicant), of .....  
 (address of applicant), after hearing oral evidence from .....  
 ..... /representations from  
 .....

*Decision*

It is directed by the court that the sum of ..... be released to .....  
to meet the legal expenses of the applicant in connection with his appeal, in  
accordance with section 29(1) of the Terrorism Act 2000.

Dated this            day of            20 ..

Signed

[Resident Magistrate]  
 [Justice of the Peace]  
 [Clerk of Petty Sessions]

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Rules.)*

These Rules make provision for various applications under Part III of the Terrorism Act 2000 in respect of the seizure, detention and forfeiture of cash suspected to form the whole or part of the resources of a proscribed organisation, suspected to be terrorist property, or intended to be used for the purposes of terrorism. Additionally Rule 10 sets out the procedure to be followed where an appeal is to be made under section 29(1) of the 2000 Act (Appeal against forfeiture) and rule 11

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provides for the procedure to be followed where an application is made under section 29(3) for the release of cash to meet an appellant's legal expenses.