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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 75**

**FAMILY PROCEEDINGS  
SUPREME COURT  
COUNTY COURTS**

**The Family Proceedings (Amendment)  
Rules (Northern Ireland) 2003**

*Made - - - - 14th February 2003*

*To be laid before Parliament*

*Coming into operation 1st June 2003*

**THE FAMILY PROCEEDINGS (AMENDMENT)  
RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2003**

1. Citation, commencement and interpretation
2. In these Rules “the Principal Rules” means the Family Proceedings...
3. In rule 1.3 of the Principal Rules –
4. After rule 4.27 of the Principal Rules there shall be...
5. After Form F9 in Appendix 1 to the Principal Rules...
6. After Appendix 3 to the Principal Rules there shall be...
7. Saving  
Signature

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SCHEDULE

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PART IVA — FREEING FOR ADOPTION AND ADOPTION ORDERS

*Introductory*

- 4A.1 Interpretation
- 4A.2 Proceedings

*Freeing for Adoption*

- 4A.3 Commencement of proceedings under Article 17

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.*

- 4A.4 Commencement of proceedings under Article 18
- 4A.5 Appointment of guardian ad litem
- 4A.6 Duties of the guardian ad litem
- 4A.7 Agreement
- 4A.8 Notice of hearing
- 4A.9 Objections
- 4A.10 The hearing
- 4A.11 Proof of identity of child, etc.
- 4A.12 Application for revocation of order freeing a child for adoption
- 4A.13 Substitution of one adoption agency for another

#### ***Adoption Orders***

- 4A.14 Application for a serial number
- 4A.15 Commencement of proceedings
- 4A.16 Statement of facts in dispensation cases
- 4A.17 Appointment of guardian ad litem
- 4A.18 Duties of guardian ad litem
- 4A.19 Agreement
- 4A.20 Notice of hearing
- 4A.21 Objections
- 4A.22 Reports by adoption agency or Board
- 4A.23 The hearing
- 4A.24 Proof of identity of child, etc
- 4A.25 Further proceedings after interim order

#### **PART IVB — CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS**

- 4B.1 Introductory
- 4B.2 Application
- 4B.3 Statement at hearing
- 4B.4 Form of consent
- 4B.5 Notice of hearing
- 4B.6 Application to annul a Convention adoption or Convention adoption order
- 4B.7 Application for directions where a full adoption has not been made
- 4B.8 Application to declare overseas adoption invalid or determination invalid or affected
- 4B.9 Evidence in support of application
- 4B.10 Notice of order made under Article 55A
- 4B.11 Application for removal, return etc of the child in Convention proceedings
- 4B.12 Specific applications
- 4B.13 Witnessing of documents
- 4B.14 Service of documents
- 4B.15 Translation of documents

#### **PART IVC — MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE ORDER OF 1987**

- 4C.1 Application for leave of the court etc
- 4C.2 Proposed foreign adoption proceedings
- 4C.3 Amendment and revocation of orders
- 4C.4 Service of documents
- 4C.5 Costs
- 4C.6 Notice and copies of orders etc
- 4C.7 Custody, inspection and disclosure of documents and information
- 4C.8 Transfer to county court

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SCHEDULE APPENDIX 4

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**PART I — matters to be covered in reports supplied under rules 4a.3(4), 4a.4(7), 4a.22(1) or 4a.22(2)**

1. The Child (a) Name, sex, date and place of birth...
2. Each Natural parent (a) Name, date and place of birth...
3. Guardian(s) Give the details required under paragraph 2(a), (f), (j)...
4. Prospective Adopter(s) (a) name, date and place of birth and...
5. Actions of the adoption agency or Board supplying the report...
6. Generally (a) Whether any respondent appears to be under the...
7. Further information to be provided in proceedings relating to a...
8. Conclusions (This part of the report should contain more than...

**PART II — reports on the health of the child and of the prospective adopter(s)**

*Rule 4A.15(5)(b)*

1. The Child Name, date of birth, sex, weight and height....
2. The Applicant (If there is more than one applicant, a...

**PART III — modification to form a9 for the purposes of convention proceedings**

*Rule 4B.2(2)(b)*

**PART IV — additional information required for a convention adoption application**

26. Where the United Kingdom is the receiving State – The...
27. Where the United Kingdom is the State of origin –...  
Explanatory Note