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The Magistrates' Courts (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2005

PART III

AMENDMENT TO THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS (DOMESTIC PROCEEDINGS) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1996

- **19.** In rule 15 (Transfer of proceedings for order under Article 4, 8, 9 or 18)—
 - (a) in the heading, after "Articles 4, 8, 9 or 18" insert "of the Order or Parts 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 16 to the Act of 2004";
 - (b) after paragraph (1) insert—

"(1A) Where an application is made for an order under Parts 1, 2 or 3 of Schedule 16 to the Act of 2004 and as a consequence a summons is issued, then, on an application made by the respondent in accordance with paragraph (2) the court may, if it appears that the case could more conveniently be heard in another court of summary jurisdiction having jurisdiction to hear it by virtue of Article 32(1) of the Order, as applied to those proceedings by paragraph 46 of Schedule 16 to the Act of 2004, determine that the proceedings shall be removed to that other court.";

- (c) in paragraph (2), after "paragraph (1)" insert "or (1A)"; and
- (d) in paragraph (4), after "paragraph (1)" insert "or (1A)".