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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2008 No. 259**

**FAMILY PROCEEDINGS  
SUPREME COURT  
COUNTY COURTS**

The Family Proceedings (Amendment  
No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008

*Made* - - - - *20th June 2008*

*To be laid before Parliament*

*Coming into operation* *5th September 2008*

The Family Proceedings Rules Committee makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 12 of the Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993(1).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Family Proceedings (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 5th September 2008.

**Amendment to the Family Proceedings Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996**

2. The Family Proceedings Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996(2) shall be amended in accordance with rule 3 below.

3. In Part IVC, after rule 4C.8. insert—

**“County courts prescribed as an authorised court**

**4C.** For the purposes of Article 2(2)(c) a county court specified as a family care centre in Schedule 2 to the Children (Allocation of Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 is prescribed as an authorised court.”

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(1) S.I. 1993/1576 (N.I. 6), Article 12 was amended by paragraph 90 of Schedule 5 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4).  
(2) S.R. 1996 No. 322 to which the most recent amendments were made by S.R. 2007 No. 324 and S.R. 2008 No. 24.

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*Brian Kerr  
Declan Morgan  
Reginald Weir  
Anne Marie Kelly  
Andrew Wells  
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Dated 17th June 2008

Signed by the authority of the Lord Chancellor  
In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 12A(2) of the Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993, I allow these Rules.

*David Hanson*  
Minister of State  
Ministry of Justice

Dated 20th June 2008

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules amend the Family Proceedings Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 [[S.R. 1996 No. 322](#)], which apply to proceedings in the High Court and county courts, to prescribe a county court specified as a family care centre in Schedule 2 to the Children (Allocation of Proceedings) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [[S.R. 1996 No. 300](#)] as an authorised court for the purposes of Article 2(2)(c) of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 [[S.I. 1987/2203 \(N.I. 22\)](#)].