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MAGISTRATES' COURTS

PROCEDURE

**The Magistrates' Courts (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern
Ireland) 2016**

Made - - - -

5th July 2016

Coming into operation in accordance with Rule 1

The Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee makes the following rules in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 13 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on the same day as section 1 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(b).

2. In these Rules—

- (a) “the principal Rules” means the Magistrates' Courts Rules (Northern Ireland) 1984(c); and
- (b) a reference to a rule, paragraph, Schedule or Form is a reference to that rule, paragraph, Schedule or Form so numbered in the principal rules.

Amendment to the principal Rules

3. The principal Rules are amended as follows—

(1) In rule 2, above the entry for a chief clerk, insert—

““administrative court division” means such division specified under section 2 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 for any purposes of a county court;”.

(2) In rule 11(2)(a), for “petty sessions district”, substitute “administrative court division”.

(3) In rule 13(2), for “petty sessions district”, substitute “administrative court division”.

(4) Omit rule 14(6).

(5) In rule 20, for paragraph (2), substitute—

(a) S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26), Article 13 was amended by paragraph 133 of Schedule 18 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976); paragraph 65 of Schedule 5 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4) and paragraph 4 of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (c.13).

(b) 2015 c.9 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. 1984 No. 225 to which the most recent amendment was made by S.R. 2016 No. 94.

“(2) The certificate shall be signed by a district judge (magistrates’ courts), a lay magistrate or by the clerk of petty sessions.”.

(6) In rule 21, omit “for the district in which the resident magistrate or justice of the peace was sitting or acting”.

(7) In rule 28—

(a) for paragraph (1), substitute—

“(1) The clerk of petty sessions, unless the court committing the accused orders otherwise, shall forward to the chief clerk, together with the documents and exhibits specified in paragraph (2), any documents or exhibits produced before the court by a witness whom it has bound over, or directed to be treated as bound over, to attend the trial conditionally.”; and

(b) in paragraph (2), omit “for the county court division in which is located the place of trial”.

(8) Omit rule 30.

(9) In rule 42(1), omit “for the county court division in which is located the place of trial”.

(10) For rule 47, substitute—

“**47.** Where a person charged with an indictable offence has been tried summarily under Article 45 of the Order by a district judge (magistrates’ courts), the clerk of petty sessions shall preserve for a period of at least three years such depositions as have been taken.”.

(11) In rule 48(4)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), omit “for the county court division in which is located the place of trial”; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (b), for “the clerk of the court before which proceedings are pending in respect of the offence”, substitute “the clerk of petty sessions”.

(12) In rule 54, omit “of the petty sessions district in which a proceeding is brought”.

(13) In rule 56, omit “acting for the petty sessions district for which the court in which a proceeding is brought acts”.

(14) In rule 59—

(a) in paragraph (1), for “ petty sessions district”, substitute “administrative court division”; and

(b) in paragraph (2), for “Where in any such district a summons”, substitute “Where in any such division a summons server”.

(15) In rule 101(1), for “the resident magistrate acting for the petty sessions district in which the hearing is to take place”, substitute “a district judge (magistrates’ courts)”.

(16) In rule 105A, omit paragraphs (1)(c), (3) and (4).

(17) In rule 105B, omit “for the appropriate county court division”.

(18) In rule 109(1), omit “specifying the petty sessions district for which he acts as the district in which payment of the sum in question is to be enforceable”, and “in his court”.

(19) In rule 111(2), omit “for the petty sessions district in which a court of summary jurisdiction was sitting when it made an attachment of earnings order”.

(20) In rule 118, for paragraph (3), substitute—

“(3) Where two or more attachment of earnings orders have been made (whether or not they are themselves consolidated attachment orders) a court of summary jurisdiction may, subject to the provisions of this Rule, discharge the existing order and make a consolidated attachment order in respect of that defendant.”.

(21) In rule 122—

(a) in paragraph (1), omit “sitting for the petty sessions district in which the offence is alleged to have been committed”;

- (b) omit paragraph (4); and
 - (c) in paragraph (5), omit “for the petty sessions district in which the suspended sentence was passed”.
- (22) In rule 123—
- (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) omit “for the appropriate county court division”; and
 - (ii) for “that chief clerk”, substitute “the chief clerk”; and
 - (b) omit paragraph (2).
- (23) Omit rule 124(d).
- (24) In rule 125—
- (a) in paragraph (2), omit “for the petty sessions district in which the order for conditional discharge was made”;
 - (b) omit paragraph (3);
 - (c) in paragraph (4), omit “for the appropriate county court division”; and
 - (d) omit paragraphs (5) and (6).
- (25) In rule 126—
- (a) in paragraph (1), omit sub-paragraph (c); and
 - (b) omit paragraphs (3) and (4).
- (26) In rule 126A, omit “for the appropriate county court division”.
- (27) In rule 126B—
- (a) in paragraph (2), omit “for the appropriate county court division”; and
 - (b) omit paragraph (3).
- (28) In rule 127—
- (a) in paragraph (1), omit “if the court which deferred passing sentence on the earlier occasion was another magistrates’ court, give notice of the conviction to the clerk of that court and” and “for the appropriate county court division”; and
 - (b) omit paragraph (2).
- (29) In rule 128(1), omit “acting for the petty sessions district in which the defendant resides or in which any business premises used or occupied by him are situated”.
- (30) In rule 129 (1), omit “acting for the petty sessions district in which the enforcement order was made or, in the case of an instalment order under the said Article 30, for the district in which the debtor resides or carries on business”.
- (31) For rule 130(2), substitute—
- “(2) A committal process may be served by the summons server of the administrative court division in which the defendant resides or in which any business premises used or occupied by him are situated and such service may be proved by affidavit.”.
- (32) In rule 147A—
- (a) in paragraph (1), omit sub-paragraph (b); and
 - (b) in paragraph (2), omit “for the petty sessions district concerned”.
- (33) In rule 149AI(3) in sub-paragraph (b), omit “sitting in the petty sessions district in which the proceedings are to be heard”.
- (34) For rule 153A(2), substitute—
- “(2) The notice under paragraph (1) shall be served by the applicant—
- (a) on the clerk of petty sessions, and
 - (b) on the custody officer for the police station at which the applicant was granted bail or at which the conditions of his bail were varied.”.

(35) For rule 153B(2), substitute—

“(2) The notice under paragraph (1) shall be served by the applicant—

- (a) on the clerk of petty sessions,
- (b) on the person to whom the application relates, and
- (c) on any surety specified in the application. ”.

(36) In rule 155(1), omit “for the county court division in which the appeal will be heard”.

(37) In rule 156(1), omit “for the county court division for which that county court is held”.

(38) In rule 157, omit “of the county court division for which that county court is held”.

(39) In rule 161, omit “having jurisdiction in the petty sessions district for which the court acted”.

(40) In rule 165, omit paragraph (b).

(41) Schedule 1 is amended in accordance with the Schedule.

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Dated 5th July 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 13 of the Magistrates’ Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, I allow these Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 19th July 2016



Claire Sugden
Minister of Justice

SCHEDULE

Rule 2(41)

- 1.** In Form 1—
 - (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
 - (2) at the end, omit “in the County Court Division of”.
- 2.** In Form 1A, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.
- 3.** In Form 1B, in the title, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.
- 4.** In Form 2—
 - (1) omit “in the said petty sessions district and county court division”; and
 - (2) omit “for the said county court division”.
- 5.** In Form 2A—
 - (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;
 - (2) omit “in the said petty sessions district”; and
 - (3) omit “for the said petty sessions district”.
- 6.** In Form 2C—
 - (1) in the title, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;
 - (2) omit “in that said petty sessions district”; and
 - (3) omit “for the said petty sessions district”.
- 7.** In Form 3, in the first paragraph, for “for the above mentioned district” substitute “at...”.
- 8.** In Form 4, omit “for the above mentioned district at...”.
- 9.** In Form 7, omit “for the above mentioned district”.
- 10.** Omit Form 8.
- 11.** In Forms 8A to 8D—
 - (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
 - (2) omit “for the said county court division”.
- 12.** In Forms 10C and 11A, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.
- 13.** In Forms 14 and 14ZA—
 - (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
 - (2) omit “for the said district”.
- 14.** In Form 14A—
 - (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;
 - (2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”; and
 - (3) at the end, omit “in the County Court Division of”.

15. In Form 14B—

- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;
- (2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”; and
- (3) omit “sitting for the petty sessions district of”.

16. In Form 14C—

- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) omit “for the petty sessions district of” in each place where it occurs.

17. In Form 14D—

- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”.

18. In Form 14DA, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

19. In Forms 14E and 14F—

- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”

20. In Form 15B—

- (1) in PART 1, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.

21. In Form 15C, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

22. In Form 15D—

- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.

23. In Forms 15E and 15F, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

24. In Form 15G—

- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.

25. In Form 15H, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

26. In Forms 15I and 15J—

- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.

27. In Forms 15K and 15L, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

- 28.** In Forms 15M, 15N and 15O, at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.
- 29.** In Form 16, at the end, omit “in the said county court division”.
- 30.** In Form 22, omit “for the said petty sessions district”.
- 31.** In Forms 23 and 24, omit “for the above-named petty session district and county court division”.
- 32.** In Form 28, omit “County Court Division of” and “in the said county court division”.
- 33.** In Form 29, omit “of the said county court division”.
- 34.** In Form 30—
- (1) omit “in the said petty sessions district and county court division”; and
 - (2) omit “of the said county court division”.
- 35.** In Form 33, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.
- 36.** In Form 34, at the end, for “for the above District”, substitute “at...”.
- 37.** In Form 37, at the end, omit “in the county court division of ...”.
- 38.** In Forms 39 and 40, in the title, omit “County Court Division of.... Petty Sessions District of”.
- 39.** In Forms 41 to 52, omit “in the above-named petty sessions district”.
- 40.** In Forms 53 and 54, in the title, omit “County Court Division of.... Petty Sessions District of”.
- 41.** In Forms 55 and 55A —
- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
 - (2) omit “for the above-named petty sessions district” in each place where it occurs.
- 42.** In Form 56—
- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;
 - (2) omit “for the above-named petty sessions district” in the first place where it occurs; and
 - (3) at the end, for “for the above-named petty sessions district”, substitute “at...”.
- 43.** In Form 57, at the end, omit “for the said county court division”.
- 44.** In Forms 58 and 59, in the first paragraph, omit “sitting for the said petty sessions district”.
- 45.** In Form 61, omit “for the said district” in each place where it occurs.
- 46.** In Form 61A—
- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;
 - (2) omit “in the said petty sessions district”; and
 - (3) omit “for the said district” in each place where it occurs.
- 47.** In Form 62, omit “for the said district”.
- 48.** In Form 62A—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “in the said petty sessions district”; and

(3) omit “for the said district”.

49. In Form 62B—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “, who [resides] [will reside] in the petty sessions district of”.

50. In Form 62C—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of (*place*) ...”; and

(3) at the end, omit “in the County Court Division of ...”.

51. In Forms 62D to 62G—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of (*place*) ...”; and

(3) omit “sitting for the petty sessions district of ...”.

52. In Form 62H—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of (*place*) ...”; and

(3) omit “for the petty sessions district of ...”.

53. In Form 62I—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of ...” in each place where it occurs.

54. In Form 62J—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of ...”;

(3) omit the paragraph beginning “[AND the court is satisfied”]; and

(4) omit the paragraph beginning “[AND IT APPEARS”].

55. In Forms 62K and 62L, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

56. In Form 62M—

(1) in the title, omit, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “in the said petty sessions district”; and

(3) omit “for the said district”.

57. In Form 63A, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

58. In Form 63B—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “in the County Court Division of”.

59. In Form 63C and 63D—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “for the said county court division”.

60. In Form 63E, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

61. In Form 66 and 67, for “for the above-named petty sessions district”, substitute “at...”.

62. In Form 69A—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “,who [resides] [will reside] in the petty sessions district of”; and

(3) omit “appointed for or assigned to that district”.

63. In Form 69B—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “,who [resides] [will reside] in the petty sessions district of,”.

64. In Form 69C—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “,who [resides] [will reside] in the petty sessions district of”; and

(3) omit “appointed for or assigned to that district”.

65. In Form 69D—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”; and

(3) omit “in the County Court Division of”.

66. In Forms 69E and 69F—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”; and

(3) omit “sitting for the petty sessions district of”.

67. In Form 69G—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”.

68. In Forms 69H, 69I and 69J—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of” in each place where it occurs.

69. In Form 69K—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”.

70. In Form 69L, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

71. In Form 69M—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”.

72. In Forms 69N and 69O in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

73. In Form 69P and 69Q—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “appointed for or assigned to the district in which he will reside”.

74. In Form 70, omit “for the above-mentioned petty sessions district”.

75. In Form 71, for “this petty sessions district” substitute “Northern Ireland”.

76. In Forms 72 and 72B, for “acting for the above mentioned petty sessions district” substitute “in Northern Ireland”.

77. In Form 73, omit “for the above-named petty sessions district”.

78. In Form 75, omit “for the [above-named petty sessions district] [the petty sessions district of]”.

79. In Forms 77 and 78, for “the above-named court”, substitute “the court sitting at...”.

80. In Form 81, omit “for the above-named district”.

81. In Form 83, for “for the said district” substitute, “at...”.

82. In Forms 85 and 85A, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

83. In Forms 88A and 88B—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.

84. In Forms 88C and 88D, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

85. In Forms 88E, 88F and 88G—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.

86. In Form 88H, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

87. In Form 88I—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of . . .”, substitute “at...”.

88. In Form 88J, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

89. In Form 88K—

(1) in the “**Case details**”, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.

90. In Form 88L, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

91. In Form 88M, in the title, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

92. In Form 88N, at the end, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.

93. In Form 89A—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “in the above-named Petty Sessions District”.

94. In Form 89B—

(1) in the title, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “in the above-named Petty Sessions District”.

95. In Form 91A—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) for “for the above-named petty sessions district”, in the first place where it occurs, substitute “sitting at...”; and

(3) at the end, for “for the above-named petty sessions district”, substitute “at...”.

96. In Form 91B, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

97. In Form 91C—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”;

(2) for “for the above-named petty sessions district” in the first place where it occurs, substitute “sitting at...”; and

(3) at the end, for “for the above-named petty sessions district”, substitute “at...”.

98. In Forms 91D and 91E, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

99. In Form 91F—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) at the end, for “for the above-named Petty Sessions District”, substitute “at...”.

100. In Form 91G, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

101. In Form 91H—

(1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) at the end, for “for the above-named Petty Sessions District”, substitute “at...”.

102. In Form 91I in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

103. In Form 96—

- (1) omit “for the said district”; and
- (2) omit “for the above-named petty session district”.

104. In Form 96A, for “for the above-named petty sessions district”, substitute “sitting at...”.

105. In Form 97, for “for the above-named Petty Sessions District”, substitute “at...”.

106. In Form 99, for “for the above petty sessions district”, substitute “sitting at...”.

107. In Form 100—

- (1) in the title, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) for “for the above-named petty sessions district sitting”, substitute “sitting at...”.

108. In Form 101, for “for the petty sessions district of”, substitute “at...”.

109. In Form 102, in the title, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

110. In Form 103, omit “[justice of the peace for the county court division of]”.

111. In Form 106, for “for the said district”, substitute “sitting at...”.

112. In Form 108, omit “in the County Court Division of”.

113. In Forms 109A, 109B and 109C, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

114. In Forms 109D and 109E, in the title, omit, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

115. In Form 110, omit “in the County Court Division of”.

116. In Form 110C, omit “in the county court division of”.

117. In Form 110D—

- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) at the end, omit “in the petty sessions district of”.

118. In Form 110E—

- (1) in the title, omit, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) at the end, omit “in the petty sessions district of”.

119. In Form 111, omit “County of Court Division of”.

120. In Form 114, for “for the said district”, substitute “sitting at...”.

121. In Form 115, omit “in the County Court Division of”.

122. In Forms 122 and 123, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

123. In Form 124—

- (1) in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and
- (2) omit “for the petty sessions district of”.

124. In Form 125, in the title, omit the large bracket, “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

125. In Form 126, in the title, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”.

126. In Form 127—

(1) in the title, omit “Petty Sessions District of” and “County Court Division of”; and

(2) omit “for the above named Petty Sessions District”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These rules amend the Magistrates' Courts Rules (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. 1984 No. 225) to take account of Part 1 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 which creates a single jurisdiction for county courts and magistrates' courts whereby the jurisdiction and powers of those courts are exercisable throughout the whole of Northern Ireland.

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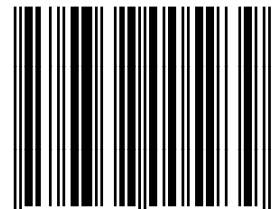
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