

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Act of Sederunt)

This Act of Sederunt amends the Ordinary Cause Rules of the sheriff court by amending the jurisdiction sections of the forms of simplified divorce application (Forms F31 and F33) in light of the changes to jurisdiction in divorce actions brought about by—

- (a) the common rules on jurisdiction in matrimonial matters laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1347/2000 of 29th May 2000 on jurisdiction and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility for children of both spouses; and
- (b) the consequential amendments made to the Domicile and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1973 (c. 45) by the European Communities (Matrimonial Jurisdiction and Judgments) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (S.S.I. 2001/36).