
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 26

Act of Sederunt (Ordinary Cause, Summary Application, Summary Cause and Small Claim Rules) Amendment (Miscellaneous) 2003

Amendment of Ordinary Cause Rules 1993

2.—(1) The Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (3) to (14).

(2) Any reference in this article to a rule, appendix or form means the rule, appendix or form so numbered in the Ordinary Cause Rules 1993.

(3) In rule 5.4 (service within Scotland by sheriff officer), insert at the end—

“(5) Where the firm which employs the sheriff officer has in its possession—

- (a) the document or a copy of it certified as correct by the pursuer’s solicitor, the sheriff officer may serve the document upon the defender without having the document or certified copy in his possession, in which case he shall if required to do so by the person on whom service is executed and within a reasonable time of being so required, show the document or certified copy to the person; or
- (b) a certified copy of the interlocutor pronounced allowing service of the document, the sheriff officer may serve the document without having in his possession the certified copy interlocutor if he has in his possession a facsimile copy of the certified copy interlocutor (which he shall show, if required, to the person on whom service is executed).”.

(4) In rule 5.5 (service on persons furth of Scotland)—

(a) after paragraph (1)(b)(v), omit “or”; and

(b) at the end of paragraph (1)(c), insert— “; or

- (d) in a country to which Council Regulation (EC) No. 1348/2000 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters⁽¹⁾ applies, service may be effected by the methods prescribed in paragraphs (1)(b)(ii) and (iii) only in exceptional circumstances”.

(5) In rule 20.4 (service on third party), for paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) There shall be served with a third party notice—

- (a) a copy of the pleadings (including any amendments or adjustments); and
- (b) where the pleadings have not been amended in accordance with the minute of amendment referred to in rule 20.2, a copy of that minute.”.

(6) After rule 20.5 (answers to third party notice), insert—

“Consequences of failure to amend pleadings

20.5A. Where the pleadings have not been amended in accordance with the minute of amendment referred to in rule 20.2, no motion for a finding, order or decree against a third party may be enrolled by the defender unless, at or before the date on which he enrolls the motion, he enrolls a motion to amend the pleadings in accordance with that minute.”.

- (7) In rule 23.1 (abandonment of causes), in paragraph (2) for “he” substitute “the pursuer”.
- (8) In rule 33.6 (averments where aliment or financial provision sought)–
- (a) in paragraph (1)–
- (i) for ““maintenance assessment”” substitute ““maintenance calculation””; and
- (ii) for “55” where it second appears, substitute “54”; and
- (b) in paragraphs (2) and (4), for “assessment” wherever it appears substitute “calculation”.
- (9) In rule 33.51 (applications relating to orders for financial provision)–
- (a) at the end of paragraph (3)(a), omit “or”; and
- (b) after paragraph (3)(b), insert– “or
- (c) section 28(10) or 48(9) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999(2).”.
- (10) In rule 33.88 (interpretation of this Part), for ““maintenance assessment”” substitute ““maintenance calculation””.
- (11) In rule 33.90 (effect of maintenance assessments)–
- (a) in the heading, for “assessments” substitute “calculations”; and
- (b) for “assessment” substitute “calculation”.
- (12) In rule 33.91 (effect of maintenance assessments on extracts relating to aliment)–
- (a) in the heading, for “assessments” substitute “calculations”; and
- (b) for “assessment” wherever it appears substitute “calculation”.
- (13) In rule 41.2 (attachment of power of arrest to interdict), in paragraph (1)(a) after “sought” insert “, or by minute, with answers if appropriate, should the sheriff so order”.
- (14) In appendix 1 (forms), in Form F9 in the second box of that form for “0800 317 500” substitute “0800 328 8970”.