

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Family Proceedings Rules 1991 (S.I. 1991/1247) (“the 1991 Rules”) so as to:

- change the time limit for objections from the pension provider in respect of orders for pensions and pension sharing to 21 days (*rule 3*);
- correct the time limit for filing an answer to a petition in Form M5 (*rule 5*);
- substitute replacement Forms M7(a) to (e) (*rule 6*); and
- make minor amendments consequential on the amendment of section 4 of the Children Act 1989 by section 111 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (which relates to parental responsibility), to rule 4.1(2)(c) of the 1991 Rules and to Form C45 and the list of applications in Appendix 3 to the 1991 Rules (*rules 4, 7 and 8*).