
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Postal Administration Rules 2013

PART 11

COURT PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE

CHAPTER 8

General

Principal court rules and practice to apply

130.—(1) The provisions of the CPR (including any related practice direction) apply to postal administration proceedings with any necessary modifications, except so far as inconsistent with the Rules.

(2) All postal administration proceedings must be allocated to the multi-track for which CPR Part 29 makes provision, and accordingly those provisions of the CPR which provide for allocation questionnaires and track allocation do not apply.

(3) CPR Part 32 applies to a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth made under the Rules as it applies to a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth made under CPR Part 22.

Right of audience

131. Rights of audience in postal administration proceedings are the same as in insolvency proceedings.

Formal defects

132. No postal administration proceedings shall be invalidated by any formal defect or by any irregularity, unless the court before which objection is made considers that substantial injustice has been caused by the defect or irregularity, and that the injustice cannot be remedied by any order of the court.

Service of orders staying proceedings

133. Where in postal administration proceedings the court makes an order staying any action, execution or other legal process against the property of the company, service of the order may be effected by sending a sealed copy of the order to whatever is the address for service of the claimant or other party having the carriage of the proceedings to be stayed.

Payment into court

134. CPR Part 37 (miscellaneous provisions about payment into court) applies to money lodged in court under the Rules.

Further Information and Disclosure

- 135.**—(1) Any party to postal administration proceedings may apply to the court for an order—
- (a) that any other party
 - (i) clarify any matter which is in dispute in the proceedings, or
 - (ii) give additional information in relation to any such matter; in accordance with CPR Part 18 (further information); or
 - (b) to obtain disclosure from any other party in accordance with CPR Part 31 (disclosure and inspection of documents), except so far as is otherwise provided by the Rules.
- (2) An application under this Rule may be made without notice being served on any other party.

Office copies of documents

- 136.**—(1) Any person who has under the Rules the right to inspect the court file of postal administration proceedings may require the court to provide them with an office copy of any document from the file.
- (2) A person's rights under this Rule may be exercised on their behalf by their solicitor.
 - (3) An office copy provided by the court under this Rule shall be in such form as the registrar thinks appropriate, and shall bear the court's seal.