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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 3132**

The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

PART 31

DISCLOSURE AND INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

**Subsequent use of disclosed documents [<sup>F1</sup>and completed Electronic Documents  
Questionnaires]**

**31.22.**—(1) A party to whom a document has been disclosed may use the document only for the purpose of the proceedings in which it is disclosed, except where—

- (a) the document has been read to or by the court, or referred to, at a hearing which has been held in public;
- (b) the court gives permission; or
- (c) the party who disclosed the document and the person to whom the document belongs agree.

(2) The court may make an order restricting or prohibiting the use of a document which has been disclosed, even where the document has been read to or by the court, or referred to, at a hearing which has been held in public.

(3) An application for such an order may be made—

- (a) by a party; or
- (b) by any person to whom the document belongs.

[<sup>F2</sup>(4) For the purpose of this rule, an Electronic Documents Questionnaire which has been completed and served by another party pursuant to Practice Direction 31B is to be treated as if it is a document which has been disclosed.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in rule 31.22 heading inserted (1.10.2010) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment No.2\) Rules 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1953\)](#), [rules 1\(2\)](#), [4\(b\)](#)
- F2** Rule 31.22(4) inserted (1.10.2010) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment No.2\) Rules 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1953\)](#), [rules 1\(2\)](#), [4\(c\)](#)

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** [Rule 31.22](#) in force at 26.4.1999, see [Signature](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Civil Procedure Rules 1998, Section 31.22.