

SCHEDULE 1

The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1980
COMMENCEMENT AND PROGRESS OF PROCEEDINGS

ORDER 20
AMENDMENT

Amendment of writ without leave

1.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the plaintiff may, without the leave of the Court, amend the writ once at any time before the pleadings in the action begun by the writ are deemed to be closed.

(2) Where a writ is amended under this rule after service thereof, then, unless the Court otherwise directs on an application made ex parte, the amended writ must be served on each defendant to the action.

(3) This rule shall not apply in relation to an amendment which consists of—

- (a) the addition, omission or substitution of a party to the action or an alteration of the capacity in which a party to the action sues or is sued, or
- (b) the addition or substitution of a new cause of action, or
- (c) (without prejudice to rule 3(1)) an amendment of the statement of claim (if any) indorsed on the writ,

unless the amendment is made before service of the writ on any party to the action.