

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Act of Sederunt)*

This Act of Sederunt makes changes to the Sheriff Court Adoption Rules. The changes relate to the procedure to be followed where, in the course of proceedings under Part 2 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”), the children’s hearing prepares a report for the court in accordance with section 95 of the 2007 Act, and where, as a result of a non-disclosure request, the children’s hearing has determined that the Reporter should give any person a redacted copy of the report.

Rule 51 of the Sheriff Court Adoption Rules is amended so that, in this situation, the sheriff is required to determine whether the copy of the report given to that person by the sheriff clerk should also be a redacted copy.