
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 330

**HIGH COURT OF JUSTICIARY
SHERIFF APPEAL COURT
SHERIFF COURT
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT**

**Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment)
(Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit)) 2019**

Made - - - - 21st October 2019

Laid before the Scottish

Parliament - - - - 22nd October 2019

Coming into force in accordance with paragraph 1(2)

The High Court of Justiciary makes this Act of Adjournal under the powers conferred by section 305 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 ^{F1} and all other powers enabling it to do so.

F1 1995 c.46. Section 305 was amended by section 111(1) of the [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 1) and [S.S.I. 2015/338](#), and was extended by section 386(3)(a) of the [Proceeds of Crime Act 2002](#) (c.29), [section 36A\(4\)](#) of the [Serious Crime Act 2007](#) (c.27), and section 32(5) of the [Psychoactive Substances Act 2016](#) (c.2).

Citation and commencement, etc.

1.—(1) This Act of Adjournal may be cited as the Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit)) 2019.

(2) It comes into force on exit day.

(3) A certified copy is to be inserted in the Books of Adjournal.

Commencement Information

II Para. 1 in force at 31.12.2020 on IP completion day (in accordance with [2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)), see [para. 1\(2\)](#)

Amendment of the Criminal Procedure Rules 1996

- 2.—(1) The Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 ^{F2} are amended in accordance with this paragraph.
- (2) After Chapter 69 (Labour Market Enforcement Orders) ^{F3} insert—

“CHAPTER 70**CHALLENGES TO VALIDITY OF EU INSTRUMENTS (EU EXIT)****Interpretation and application**

70.—(1) In this Chapter—

“the 2019 Regulations” means the Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 ^{F4};

“EU instrument” has the meaning provided in schedule 1 of the Interpretation Act 1978 ^{F5};

“other proceedings” means criminal proceedings, including bills of advocacy and bills of suspension, which are not solemn proceedings or summary proceedings to which regulation 3 of the 2019 Regulations applies;

“solemn proceedings” means any such proceedings to which regulation 3 of the 2019 Regulations applies;

“summary proceedings” means any such proceedings to which regulation 3 of the 2019 Regulations applies;

“TFEU” means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union including the Protocols thereto ^{F6};

“the relevant UK authorities” has the meaning provided by regulation 2 of the 2019 Regulations.

(2) This Chapter applies to challenges to the validity of an EU instrument, as provided for by regulation 3 of the 2019 Regulations.

Declarations from the court in solemn or summary proceedings that an EU instrument was invalid – notices

70.—(1) This rule applies to solemn and summary proceedings.

(2) Where a party to solemn or summary proceedings seeks a declaration from the court that an EU instrument was invalid on any of the grounds set out in the second paragraph of Article 263 TFEU as it has effect immediately before [^{F7}IP completion day], or the court is considering whether to make such a declaration at its own instance in the proceedings—

(a) notice in Form 70.2-A is to be given to the relevant UK authorities no later than 21 days, or such other period as the court may direct, before the date on which the declaration is to be made—

(i) by the party seeking the declaration; or

(ii) by the clerk of court,

as the case may be; and

(b) where notice is given by the party seeking the declaration, the party must lodge a certificate of notification with the court.

Relevant UK authorities joining solemn or summary proceedings

70.3. Where any of the relevant UK authorities wish to be joined as a party to solemn or summary proceedings they must give notice to that effect in Form 70.3-A to the clerk of court and must serve a copy of the notice on all other parties in the proceedings.

Declarations from the court in other proceedings that an EU instrument was invalid – notices

70.—(1) This rule applies to other proceedings.

(2) Where a party to other proceedings seeks a declaration from the court that an EU instrument was invalid on any of the grounds set out in the second paragraph of Article 263 TFEU as it has effect immediately before [F7IP completion day], or the court is considering whether to make such a declaration at its own instance in the proceedings—

- (a) the issue must be raised as a point of law in the pleadings;
- (b) notice in Form 70.2-A is to be given to the relevant UK authorities no later than 21 days, or such other period as the court may direct, before the date on which the declaration is to be made—
 - (i) by the party seeking the declaration; or
 - (ii) by the clerk of court,
 as the case may be; and
- (c) where notice is given by the party seeking the declaration, the party must lodge a certificate of notification with the court.

Relevant UK authorities joining other proceedings

70.5. Where any of the relevant UK authorities wish to be joined as a party to other proceedings they must give notice to that effect in Form 70.3-A to the clerk of court and must serve a copy of the notice on all other parties in the proceedings.”.

(3) In the Appendix (forms), after Form 69.3 (form of note of appeal against the making of, or refusal to make, an order under section 23 of the Immigration Act 2016) insert Forms 70.2-A and 70.3-A set out in the schedule of this Act of Adjournal.

- F2** The Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 are in schedule 2 of the [Act of Adjournal \(Criminal Procedure Rules\) 1996 \(S.I. 1996/513\)](#), last amended by [S.S.I. 2019/321](#).
- F3** Chapter 69 was inserted by [S.S.I. 2019/139](#).
- F4** [S.I. 2019/673](#).
- F5** [1978 c.30](#). Schedule 1 of the Interpretation Act 1978 defines words and expressions, as amended by, and prospectively relevantly amended by, the [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(c.16\)](#), [schedule 8, paragraph 22](#).
- F6** OJ C 202, 7.6.2016, p.1-388.
- F7** Words in para. 2(2) substituted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [Act of Adjournal \(Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments \(EU Exit\)\) \(Amendment\) 2020 \(S.S.I. 2020/470\)](#), paras. 1(2), [2\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I2** Para. 2 in force at 31.12.2020 on IP completion day (in accordance with [2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)), see [para. 1\(2\)](#)

Status: Point in time view as at 31/12/2020.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit)) 2019. (See end of Document for details)

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SCHEDULE

Paragraph 2(3)

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. in force at 31.12.2020 on IP completion day (in accordance with [2020 c. 1](#), [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)), see [para. 1\(2\)](#)

Rules 70.2(2)(a) and 70.4(2)(b)

Form 70.2-A

Form of notice to relevant UK authorities under regulation 5 of the Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICIARY

[or IN THE SHERIFF APPEAL COURT]

[or

SHERIFFDOM OF (insert name of sheriffdom)

AT (insert name of sheriff court)]

[or

UNTO THE JUSTICES in the JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT OF (name of district)]

in

HER MAJESTY'S ADVOCATE

[or

PROCURATOR FISCAL at (place)]

against

[A.B.] (address) [or presently a prisoner in the Prison of (place)]

Date: (date of posting or other method of service)

To: (specify the relevant UK authority)

TAKE NOTICE

That the court is considering whether or not to [or: That (specify party) is seeking that the court] make a declaration under regulation 4 of the Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 that (specify the EU instrument which is the subject of the proposed declaration) was invalid on the following grounds:

(set out the grounds in summary)

If you wish to become a party to the proceedings, you should notify the clerk of court in Form 70.3-A.

(Signed)

Clerk of Court

[or Solicitor [or Agent] for (specify)]

(Place and date)

Rules 70.3 and 70.5

Form 70.3-A

Form of notice to court under regulation 6 of the Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICIARY

[or IN THE SHERIFF APPEAL COURT]

[or

SHERIFFDOM OF (insert name of sheriffdom)

AT (insert name of sheriff court)]

[or

UNTO THE JUSTICES in the JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT OF (name of district)]

in

HER MAJESTY'S ADVOCATE

[or

PROCURATOR FISCAL at (place)]

against

[A.B.] (address) [or presently a prisoner in the Prison of (place)]

To the Clerk of Court

The (specify the relevant UK authority or person nominated by a Minister of the Crown) intends to join as a party to the proceedings.

(Signed)

Solicitor for (specify)

(Place and date)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Act of Adjournal)

This Act of Adjournal amends the Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 by inserting a new Chapter 70 which provides court rules, and accompanying forms, which are required in consequence of the Challenge to Validity of EU Instruments (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/673).

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