



Administration of Justice Act 1969

1969 CHAPTER 58

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

21 Powers of court exercisable before commencement of action

- (1) On the application of any person in accordance with rules of court, the High Court shall, in such circumstances as may be specified in the rules, have power to make an order providing for any one or more of the following matters, that is to say—
 - (a) the inspection, photographing, preservation, custody and detention of property which appears to the court to be property which may become the subject-matter of subsequent proceedings in the court, or as to which any question may arise in any such proceedings, and
 - (b) the taking of samples of any such property as is mentioned in the preceding paragraph and the carrying out of any experiment on or with any such property.
- (2) The power to make rules of court under section 99 of the Judicature Act 1925 shall include power to make rules of court as to the manner in which an application for such an order can be made, and as to the circumstances in which such an order can be made; and any such rules may include such incidental, supplementary and consequential provisions as the authority making the rules may consider necessary or expedient.
- (3) The preceding provisions of this section shall have effect in relation to county courts in England and Wales as they have effect in relation to the High Court, as if in those provisions references to rules of court and to section 99 of the Judicature Act 1925 included references to county court rules and to section 102 of the County Courts Act 1959.
- (4) In the application of this section to Northern Ireland, " the High Court " means the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, the reference in subsection (2) to section 99 of the Judicature Act 1925 shall be construed as a reference to section 7 of the Northern Ireland Act 1962, and subsection (3) shall be omitted.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

(5) In this section " property " includes any land, chattel or other corporeal property of any description.