#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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### CHAPTER 3

#### CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

#### PART VII

#### PROCEDURE IN APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 65(7) OR (9) OF THE ACT

#### Abandonment of application

**3.46.**—(1) At any stage of the proceedings before the application is determined the Principal Reporter may abandon the application, either in whole or in part, by lodging a minute to that effect or by motion at the hearing.

- (2) The Principal Reporter shall intimate such abandonment to-
  - (a) the child, except where service on the child has been dispensed with in terms of rule 3.3;
  - (b) any relevant person whose whereabouts are known to the Principal Reporter; and
  - (c) any safeguarder appointed by the sheriff.

(3) In the event of abandonment in whole in terms of paragraph (1), the sheriff shall dismiss the application and discharge the referral.