
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

PART 27

THE SMALL CLAIMS TRACK

Preparation for the hearing

27.4.—(1) After allocation the court will—

- (a) give standard directions and fix a date for the final hearing;
- (b) give special directions and fix a date for the final hearing;
- (c) give special directions and direct that the court will consider what further directions are to be given no later than 28 days after the date the special directions were given;
- (d) fix a date for a preliminary hearing under rule 27.6; or
- (e) give notice that it proposes to deal with the claim without a hearing under rule 27.10 and invite the parties to notify the court by a specified date if they agree the proposal.

(2) The court will—

- (a) give the parties at least 21 days' notice of the date fixed for the final hearing, unless the parties agree to accept less notice; and
- (b) inform them of the amount of time allowed for the final hearing.

(3) In this rule

- (a) “standard directions” means—
 - (i) a direction that each party shall, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the final hearing, file and serve on every other party copies of all documents (including any expert’s report) on which he intends to rely at the hearing; and
 - (ii) any other standard directions set out in the relevant practice direction; and
- (b) “special directions” means directions given in addition to or instead of the standard directions.