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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 1347**

**Act of Sederunt (Proceedings for Determination  
of Devolution Issues Rules) 1999**

**Response to intimation of devolution issue**

7.—(1) This rule applies where the relevant authority receives intimation of a devolution issue.

(2) Where the relevant authority intends to enter an appearance as a party in the proceedings, he shall lodge a minute stating that he intends to do so.

(3) Upon receipt of the minute lodged in accordance with paragraph (2) above, the sheriff shall sist the relevant authority as a party to the action.

(4) Upon the relevant authority being sisted as a party in accordance with paragraph (3) above, the sheriff shall order the relevant authority to lodge a note of his written submissions in respect of the devolution issue specifying those matters mentioned in rule 5(1) within 7 days, or such other period as the sheriff thinks fit.

(5) A copy of the minute lodged in accordance with paragraph (2) above and a copy of any note lodged in accordance with paragraph (4) above shall, at the same time as lodging the minute or any note, be intimated by the party lodging such to all other parties in the proceedings.

(6) At any time after the note mentioned in paragraph (4) above has been lodged, the sheriff may regulate such further procedure in the proceedings as he thinks fit.