## 2003 No. 1034

## The Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) Rules 2003

## PART 7

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

## Directions

39.-(1) The Commission may give directions relating to the conduct of any proceedings.
(2) The power to give directions is to be exercised subject to-
(a) these Rules, including in particular the obligation in rule 4(1) to ensure that information is not disclosed contrary to the public interest; and
(b) any decision which the Commission makes under rule 38(6).
(3) Directions under this rule may be given orally or in writing.
(4) Subject to rule 48 , the Commission must serve notice of any written directions on every party.
(5) Directions given under this rule may in particular-
(a) specify the length of time allowed for anything to be done;
(b) vary any time limit;
(c) require any party to file and serve-
(i) further details of his case, or any other information which appears to be necessary for the determination of the appeal or application;
(ii) witness statements;
(iii) written submissions;
(iv) a statement of any interpretation requirements; or
(v) any other document;
(d) provide for-
(i) a particular matter to be dealt with as a preliminary issue; or
(ii) a pre-hearing review to be held;
(e) relate to any matter concerning the preparation for a hearing;
(f) specify-
(i) the manner in which any evidence is to be given; and
(ii) the witnesses, if any, to be heard;
(g) provide for a hearing to be conducted or evidence given or representations made by video link or by other electronic means; and
(h) make provision to secure the anonymity of the appellant or a witness.
(6) The power to give directions may be exercised in the absence of the parties.

