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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of these Rules)*

These Rules amend the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 in that they—

- amend Part 6 of the CPR (with consequential amendments in rules 10.5 and 16.5): (a) to allow for the address of a European Lawyer in an EEA state, or, for a litigant in person, the litigant’s normal residence or place of business in the United Kingdom or failing that any EEA state, to be provided as an address for service, and (b) to update references to Civil Procedure Conventions or Treaties which make provision for service of documents;
- insert a new Section VIII in Part 45 to provide for a scale of fixed costs to apply where HM Revenue and Customs officers are successful in a claim in a county court for the recovery of a sum payable to the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs;
- make provision enabling the transposition of article 6 (enforceability of agreements resulting from mediation) and article 7 (confidentiality of mediation) of Directive [2008/52/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters, by inserting a new section (Section III – Mediation Directive) into Part 78, together with consequential amendments in Parts 5, 7, 8, 31 and 32. The new Section III includes information on the scope of the section and interpretation (rule 78.23), rules in relation to article 6 of the Directive (rules 78.24 and 78.25) and rules in relation to article 7 (rules 78.26 to 78.28).