

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These rules amend rule 14.2 of the Family Procedure Rules 2010 ([S.I. 2010/2955](#)), which makes provision for the assignment of serial numbers to adoptive parents or prospective adoptive parents in proceedings for adoption and certain other proceedings, in order to keep their identity confidential. The amendments replace existing provision, requiring an application before a serial number is assigned, with provision for mandatory assignment of serial numbers in such cases.

No impact assessment has been produced for this instrument because no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.