

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (SI 1998/3132) by—

- amending rule 45.42(2)(a), which defines an “Aarhus Convention claim”, so that the definition includes a statutory review which is within the scope of Article 9(3) of the Aarhus Convention, in addition to a judicial review within the scope of Article 9(3); and
- substituting for Part 53 (defamation claims) a new Part 53 which provides for the Media and Communications List, which is a specialist list in the High Court for defamation claims and other media and communications claims.