
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 425

The Land Registration (Amendment) Rules 2020

New rule 216A

5. Before rule 217 insert—

“Interrupted day

216A.—(1) The registrar may certify any day as an interrupted business day or an interrupted working day or both if he is satisfied that on that day there is likely to be—

- (a) a general delay in, or failure of, a communication service in England and Wales, or
- (b) any other event or circumstance,

causing a substantial interruption in the normal operation of the land registry.

(2) The registrar must give notice publicising the certification in such manner as he considers appropriate.

(3) The certification must take place before the start of the day being certified.

(4) Certification of a day as an interrupted working day shall have the effect of extending—

- (a) the date and time given in the result of an official search with priority as the date and time at which priority expires,
- (b) the date and time fixed by a notice given by the registrar or any longer period that the registrar may allow in accordance with these rules, and
- (c) the period specified by the registrar for compliance with a requisition,

to include an additional number of working days equal to the number of interrupted working days falling within the priority period of the official search, the time fixed by the notice or any longer period allowed by the registrar, or the period specified by the registrar.

(5) Certification of a day as an interrupted working day shall be disregarded for the purposes of rules 107, 187(2), 194E, 194F and 199.

(6) In this rule—

“communication service” means a service by which documents may be sent and delivered and includes a post service, a document exchange service and electronic communications,

“priority period” has the same meaning as in Part 13.”