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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 105**

**The Civil Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2023**

**Amendment of Part 61**

- 33.**—(1) In rule 61.1(2)(b), for “Queen’s” substitute “King’s”.
- (2) In rule 61.2—
- (a) in paragraph (1)(a), omit paragraph (v); and
  - (b) in paragraph (2), after “started in the Admiralty Court”, insert “and a claim for loss of life or personal injury specified in section 20(2)(f) of the Senior Courts Act 1981(1) should be started in the Admiralty Court in the circumstances set out in Practice Direction 61”.
- (3) In rule 61.4—
- (a) in paragraph (4A), in the full-out, omit “, where every party has electronic track data in its control, each must”; and
  - (b) for paragraph (6) substitute—
    - “(6) A collision statement case must—
      - (a) be in a form set out in Practice Direction 61
      - (b) contain the matters set out in Practice Direction 61; and
      - (c) be verified by a statement of truth.”.
- (4) After paragraph (6), insert—
- “(6A) Each party must file a collision defence in respect of each collision statement of case filed by another party.
  - (6B) A party’s collision defence must—
    - (a) be filed within 28 days of service of the relevant collision statement of case on that party;
    - (b) comply with the requirements set out in Practice Direction 61; and
    - (c) be verified by a statement of truth.  - (6C) A party may file a collision reply to a collision defence filed by another party.
  - (6D) A party’s collision reply must—
    - (a) be filed within 21 days of service of the relevant collision defence on that party; and
    - (b) be verified by a statement of truth.”.