

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules.)*

These Rules amend the Magistrates' Courts (Domestic Proceedings) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 to take account of amendments to the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 [S.I.1981/1675 (N.I. 26)] and the Domestic Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 [S.I. 1980/563 (N.I. 5)] effected by Articles 7 and 8 of the Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 [S.I. 1993/1576 (N.I. 6)].

The Rules make provision in relation to

- the making of a means of payment order in relation to orders for periodical payment; and
- the variation of periodical payments orders to include a means of payment order.