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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules amend the Family Proceedings Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996. In particular they—

- (a) prescribe the procedure for applications under—
  - (i) Article 31B of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (declarations of parentage). This Article was inserted by section 66 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000; and
  - (ii) Article 32 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (declarations of legitimacy or legitimation); and
- (b) give effect to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1347/2000 of 29th May 2000 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility for children of both spouses.