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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2002 No. 158**

**Magistrates' Courts (Declarations of Parentage) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2002**

**Interpretation**

**3.** In these Rules—

- (a) “the Allocation Order” means the Declarations of Parentage (Allocation of Proceedings) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002<sup>(1)</sup>;
- (b) “business day” means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday which is, or is to be observed as, a bank holiday in Northern Ireland under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (c) “document exchange” means any document exchange for the time being approved by the Lord Chancellor;
- (d) “family care centre” shall be construed in accordance with Article 3 of the Allocation Order;
- (e) “file” means deposit with the clerk of petty sessions;
- (f) “first class post” means first-class post which has been pre-paid or in respect of which pre-payment is not required;
- (g) “the Order” means the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989<sup>(3)</sup>;
- (h) “parties” means the applicant and respondent; and
- (i) any reference to a Form is a reference to the Form in the Schedule to these Rules.

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<sup>(1)</sup> S.R. 2002 No. 119

<sup>(2)</sup> 1971 c. 80

<sup>(3)</sup> S.I.1989/677 (N.I. 4)