EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules are made in consequence of the Betting and Gaming (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 which amends the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 to provide that applications for the grant of a bookmaking office licence shall be made to a county court instead of a court of summary jurisdiction.

The Rules amend the Magistrates' Courts (Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1987 to revoke or amend those rules and forms which prescribe the procedure for an application to a court of summary jurisdiction for the grant of a bookmaking office licence.