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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules amend the Rules of the Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland) 1980 [[S.R. 1980 No. 346](#)] to:

- assign to the Family Division of the High Court proceedings under Article 32L of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and proceedings under the Hague Convention of 19th October 1996;
- prescribe the procedure for appeals from Industrial Tribunals and the Fair Employment Tribunal to the Court of Appeal;
- prescribe the procedure for an application under section 62 of the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 to the Court of Appeal to suspend a foreign driving licence disqualification;
- prescribe certain procedures under the Defamation Act 1996; and
- make savings provisions in relation to certain defamation actions and appeals from Industrial Tribunals and the Fair Employment Tribunal.