
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 237

**The Rules of the Court of Judicature
(Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2019**

Saving and transitional provisions

4.—(1) Where before exit day—

- (a) a defendant has given, as the address at which the defendant may be served with the writ or other originating process, the business address of a solicitor in an EEA state outside the United Kingdom, or of a European lawyer in any EEA state; or
- (b) a solicitor acting for the defendant has notified the business address of that solicitor in an EEA state outside the United Kingdom, or a European lawyer has notified the address of that European lawyer in any EEA State, as the address at which that solicitor or European lawyer is instructed to accept service of the writ or other originating process;

the writ or other originating process, if not served before exit day, must on or after exit day be served at that address notwithstanding the changes made by these Rules.

(2) Where before exit day, a party to proceedings has given, as the address at which that party may be served with documents relating to those proceedings, the business address in an EEA state outside the United Kingdom of a solicitor acting for that party, or in any EEA State of a European lawyer nominated to accept service of documents—

- (a) that address will continue on and after exit day to be that party's address for service unless and until that party elects to change the address for service; and
- (b) if that party elects on or after exit day to change the address for service, the new address for service may be any address for service permitted by the Rules of the Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland) 1980 as in operation immediately before exit day.

(3) In this rule, "EEA state" has the meaning it had for the purposes of the Rules of the Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland) 1980 immediately before exit day.