

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Rules make provision, in relation to magistrates' courts, for the various matters which are to be prescribed under Part I of the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972 and for the giving of notice of things done under that part of the Act.

In particular, the Rules prescribe the manner of applying for a maintenance order to be sent for enforcement to a reciprocating country, the manner in which maintenance orders are to be registered in magistrates' courts, the manner of enforcing orders so registered and the manner in which evidence is to be taken at the request of a foreign court.