
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Land Registration (Official Searches) Rules 1993

PART V

Notice for the provision of additional arrangements for searches

14.—(1) If the registrar is satisfied that adequate arrangements have been or will be made for dealing with the applications for or results of search specified in paragraph (5) in accordance with this rule, he may, in such manner as he considers appropriate for informing persons who may wish to make applications under these rules, give notice to that effect specifying the class or classes of case covered by those arrangements; and such a notice may in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, specify the class or classes of case so covered by limiting them:

- (a) to one or more of the types of application or result of search mentioned in paragraph (5);
- (b) to applications for, or results in respect of, searches of the whole of the land in a registered title or the whole of the land subject to a pending first registration application;
- (c) in the case of applications made as mentioned in paragraph (5), to applications made by a person maintaining a credit account;
- (d) to applications which relate to land within specified counties, districts, London boroughs or other administrative areas;
- (e) to applications made between specified hours and on specified days (which need not be those between or on which the Land Registry is open to the public and may be different for applications of different types);
- (f) where an application is made under rule 3(3)(b) or 9(2)(b) or a result is issued under rule 4(2)(c) or 10(2)(c), to delivery of such application or to the issue of such result by one or more means of communication;
- (g) where a result is issued under rule 4(2)(c) or rule 10(2)(c), to results of search which state, in the case of an official search of a register, that there are no adverse entries, no pending applications and no official searches which fall within paragraphs F, G or H of Part I of Schedule 2, or, in the case of an official search with priority in relation to a pending first registration application, that there are no pending applications and no official searches which fall within paragraphs H or I of Part II of Schedule 2;
- (h) where an application is in respect of part of the land in a registered title, to an application which provides the relevant plot number on the approved estate plan.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), a notice given pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be current from the time specified in that behalf in the notice either:

- (a) until the time, if any, specified in that behalf in the notice; or
- (b) if no time of ceasing to be current is specified in the notice, indefinitely.

(3) A notice given pursuant to paragraph (1) may from time to time be varied, suspended, withdrawn, renewed or replaced by a further notice.

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(4) If and so long as owing to the breakdown or other unavailability of facilities or data involved in giving effect to the arrangements made for dealing with applications for or results of search covered by a notice given under paragraph (1) such arrangements cease, in whole or in part, to be effective, the notice shall cease, to the necessary extent, to be treated as current notwithstanding the absence of a variation, suspension or withdrawal thereof under paragraph (3).

(5) The applications for or results of search referred to in paragraph (1) are:

- (a) an application for an official search with priority made under rule 3(3)(b);
- (b) an official certificate of search with priority issued under rule 4(2)(c);
- (c) an application for an official search without priority made under rule 9(2)(b);
- (d) an official certificate of search without priority issued under rule 10(2)(c);
- (e) an application for a search without priority by telephone under rule 12.

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of rule 3(3)(b), 4(2)(c), 9(2)(b), 10(2)(c) and 12 the registrar may in his discretion refuse to accept an application made, or to issue a result, under any of those provisions in any individual case.

Revocation

15. The Land Registration (Official Searches) Rules 1990 are hereby revoked.