
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

PART 26

CASE MANAGEMENT—PRELIMINARY STAGE

Stay to allow for settlement of the case

26.4.—(1) A party may, when filing the completed allocation questionnaire, make a written request for the proceedings to be stayed^(GL) while the parties try to settle the case by alternative dispute resolution^(GL) or other means.

(2) Where—

(a) all parties request a stay^(GL) under paragraph (1); or

(b) the court, of its own initiative, considers that such a stay would be appropriate, the court will direct that the proceedings be stayed for one month.

(3) The court may extend the stay^(GL) until such date or for such specified period as it considers appropriate.

(4) Where the court stays^(GL) the proceedings under this rule, the claimant must tell the court if a settlement is reached.

(5) If the claimant does not tell the court by the end of the period of the stay^(GL) that a settlement has been reached, the court will give such directions as to the management of the case as it considers appropriate.