## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1998 No. 3132

## The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

## **PART 38**

### DISCONTINUANCE

#### **Right to discontinue claim**

**38.2.**—(1) A claimant may discontinue all or part of a claim at any time.

- (2) However-
  - (a) a claimant must obtain the permission of the court if he wishes to discontinue all or part of a claim in relation to which—
    - (i) the court has granted an interim injunction<sup>(GL)</sup>; or
    - (ii) any party has given an undertaking to the court;
  - (b) where the claimant has received an interim payment in relation to a claim (whether voluntarily or pursuant to an order under Part 25), he may discontinue that claim only if—
    - (i) the defendant who made the interim payment consents in writing; or
    - (ii) the court gives permission;
  - (c) where there is more than one claimant, a claimant may not discontinue unless-
    - (i) every other claimant consents in writing; or
    - (ii) the court gives permission.

(3) Where there is more than one defendant, the claimant may discontinue all or part of a claim against all or any of the defendants.