STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 1388

The Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2001

Amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules 1998

12. After rule 39.7, insert—

"Claims under the Race Relations Act 1976

- **39.8** In a claim brought under section 57(1) of the Race Relations Act 1976, the court may, where it considers it expedient in the interests of national security—
 - (a) exclude from all or part of the proceedings—
 - (i) the claimant;
 - (ii) the claimant's representatives; or
 - (iii) any assessors appointed under section 67(4) of that Act;
 - (b) permit a claimant or representative to make a statement to the court before the start of the proceedings (or part of the proceedings) from which he is to be excluded; or
 - (c) take steps to keep secret all or part of the reasons for its decision in the claim.

(Section 67A(2) of the Race Relations Act 1976 provides that the Attorney General may appoint a person to represent the interests of a claimant in any proceedings from which he and his representatives are excluded)".