### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2003 No. 3361

# The Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2003

### **Amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules 1998**

6. After rule 34.13, insert—

### "Letter of request – Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

**34.13A.**—(1) This rule applies where a party to existing or contemplated proceedings in—

- (a) the High Court; or
- (b) a magistrates' court,

under Part 5 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002(1) (civil recovery of the proceeds etc. of unlawful conduct) wishes to take a deposition from a person who is out of the jurisdiction.

- (2) The High Court may, on the application of such a party, order the issue of a letter of request to the judicial authorities of the country in which the proposed deponent is.
- (3) Paragraphs (4) to (7) of rule 34.13 shall apply irrespective of where the proposed deponent is, and rule 34.23 shall not apply in cases where the proposed deponent is in a Regulation State within the meaning of Section III of this Part.".