STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 421

The Crown Court (Confiscation, Restraint and Receivership) Rules 2003

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Crown Court (Confiscation, Restraint and Receivership) Rules 2003 and shall come into force on 24th March 2003.

Interpretation

- 2. In these Rules—
 - (a) "the Act" means the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002;
 - (b) "business day" means any day other than—
 - (i) a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday; or
 - (ii) a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(1), in England and Wales;
 - (c) "court officer" means a member of the Crown Court staff;
 - (d) "document" means anything in which information of any description is recorded;
 - (e) "hearsay evidence" means evidence consisting of hearsay within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Civil Evidence Act 1995(2);
 - (f) "restraint proceedings" means proceedings under sections 42 and 58(2) and (3) of the Act;
 - (g) "receivership proceedings" means proceedings under sections 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54(4), 56(4), 59(2) and (3), 60(2) and (3), 62 and 63 of the Act;
 - (h) "witness statement" means a written statement signed by a person which contains the evidence, and only that evidence, which that person would be allowed to give orally;
 - (i) words and expressions used have the same meaning as in Part 2 of the Act.
- **3.**—(1) This rule shows how to calculate any period of time for doing any act which is specified by these Rules for the purposes of any proceedings under Part 2 of the Act or by an order of the Crown Court in restraint proceedings or receivership proceedings.
 - (2) A period of time expressed as a number of days shall be computed as clear days.
 - (3) In this rule "clear days" means that in computing the number of days—
 - (a) the day on which the period begins; and

^{(1) 1971} c. 80.

^{(2) 1995} c. 38.

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- (b) if the end of the period is defined by reference to an event, the day on which that event occurs are not included.
- (4) Where the specified period is 5 days or less and includes a day which is not a business day that day does not count.
- **4.** When the period specified by these Rules or by an order of the Crown Court under Part 2 of the Act for doing any act at the court office falls on a day on which the office is closed, that act shall be in time if done on the next day on which the court office is open.