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FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

FAMILY COURT, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business)
(Amendment) Rules 2015**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>24th June 2015</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>26th June 2015</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>17th July 2015</i>

The President of the Family Division, as nominee of the Lord Chief Justice under paragraph 2(2)(b) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005(a), makes the following rules in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31D(1) and (3) of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984(b).

These Rules are made after consulting with the Family Procedure Rule Committee in accordance with section 31D(5)(b) of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984.

These Rules are made with the agreement of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005.

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business) (Amendment) Rules 2015 and come into force on 17th July 2015.

Amendments to the Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business) Rules 2014

2. The Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business) Rules 2014(c) are amended as follows.

3. In rule 16, in paragraph 5—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (d), for “.” substitute “;”; and
- (b) after sub-paragraph (d), insert—

“(e) Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003(d) which are made without notice.”.

(a) 2005 c. 4.
(b) 1984 c. 42. Section 31D was inserted by paragraph 1 of Schedule 10 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22).
(c) S.I. 2014/840 as amended by S.I. 2014/3297.
(d) 2003 c. 31.

19th June 2015

Sir James Munby
President of the Family Division

I agree,

Caroline Dinenge
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

24th June 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business) Rules 2014 (S.I. 2014/840) to make provision in relation to the allocation in the family court of applications for Female Genital Mutilation Protection orders under Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003.

Rule 3 adds without notice proceedings for Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders to the list of proceedings which may be allocated in accordance with rule 16 of the 2014 Rules.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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