

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (S.I. 1998/3132) to insert a new, temporary, rule which provides for how possession proceedings and enforcement proceedings by way of writ and warrant for possession, which were stayed until 23rd August 2020 by S.I. 2020/582, are to proceed after that stay expires.

The new rule provides (in exercise of the power given in paragraph 6 of the Schedule 1 to the Civil Procedure Act 1997 (c. 12)) that proceedings are to proceed as provided for by a new, temporary practice direction, Practice Direction 55C, which is added to the practice directions supporting the Civil Procedure Rules. That practice direction is published on the Ministry of Justice website at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/civil>.

As this is temporary, emergency legislation, no formal impact assessment is required for Better Regulation purposes.