
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 387

The Justice (2015 Act) (Commencement No. 7 and Saving Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Saving provisions

3.—(1) Any judgment, order, summons, warrant, direction or other act of a county court acting for a county court division or of a magistrates' court acting for a county court division or for a petty sessions district before 31st October 2016 is to have the same effect on and after that date as if it had been a judgment, order, summons, warrant, direction or other act of any county court or magistrates' court in Northern Ireland.

(2) Any application, proceeding or other business of whatsoever nature pending or commenced in a county court for a county court division or in a civil partnership proceedings county court or a divorce county court before 31st October 2016 may continue to be dealt with in a county court sitting at the same venue as that where the business would previously have been dealt with.

(3) Any application, proceeding or other business of whatsoever nature pending or commenced in a court of summary jurisdiction for a county court division or for a petty sessions district before 31st October 2016 may continue to be dealt with by a court of summary jurisdiction sitting at the same venue as that where business would previously have been dealt with.

(4) Paragraphs (2) and (3) shall not operate so as to prevent any application to transfer or the transfer of any application, proceeding or other business of whatsoever nature in accordance with directions issued by the Lord Chief Justice under section 3 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.

(5) The Jurors List and Divisional Jurors Lists prepared under Article 4 of the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996⁽¹⁾ in place immediately before 31st October 2016 may continue to be used for the purpose of empanelling jurors in accordance with Article 5 of that Order as if the single jurisdiction provisions had not come into operation.

(6) In this Article, "the single jurisdiction provisions" means the provisions commenced by Article 2(a) to (f) and (i) to (m).