1999 No. 1011

SUPREME COURT OF ENGLAND AND WALES COUNTY COURTS

The Civil Courts (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1999

Made - - -Coming into force 25th March 1999 26th April 1999

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 26 of the County Courts Act 1984(a), makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Civil Courts (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1999 and shall come into force on 26th April 1999.

Amendments to the Civil Courts Order 1983(b)

2. The Civil Courts Order 1983 shall be amended in accordance with this Order and a reference to an article or a schedule by number alone is a reference to the article or schedule so numbered in the Civil Courts Order 1983.

- 3. Omit article 8.
- 4. In Schedule 3–
 - (a) in the second column omit "Admiralty" wherever it occurs; and
 - (b) omit the third column.

Transitional provisions

5. A county court having Admiralty jurisdiction before 26th April 1999 shall continue to have jurisdiction in respect of Admiralty proceedings commenced in or transferred to it before that date.

Dated 25th March 1999

Irvine of Lairg, C.

(a) 1984 c. 28

 ⁽b) S.I. 1983/713. The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1984/1075, 1984/297, 1985/511, 1986/1361, 1986/1363, 1986/2207, 1986/754, 1988/2165, 1989/106, 1989/914, 1991/1809, 1991/2211, 1992/1345, 1992/1810, 1992/3071, 1992/593, 1993/1809, 1993/3120, 1994/1536, 1994/2626, 1994/2893, 1994/706, 1995/1897, 1995/3173, 1996/2579, 1996/588, 1996/68, 1997/1085, 1997/361, 1998/1880, 1998/2910 and 1999/216.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Civil Courts Order 1983 to remove the Admiralty jurisdiction from all county courts. After 26th April 1999 Admiralty proceedings must be commenced in the High Court.

Transitional provisions provide that these amendments shall not take effect with respect to Admiralty proceedings which, before 26th April 1999, have been commenced in or transferred to a county court which, at that time, had Admiralty jurisdiction.

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