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FAMILY JUSTICE ACT 2014

FAMILY JUSTICE (AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 46 of the Family Justice Act 2014 and all other powers enabling us under any written law, we, the Family Justice Rules Committee, make the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Family Justice (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2024 and come into operation on 1 July 2024.

Amendment of rule 83

- **2.** In the Family Justice Rules 2014 (G.N. No. S 813/2014), in rule 83
 - (a) in paragraph (1), after "proceedings may", insert ", when filing the writ for divorce,";
 - (b) in paragraph (2)(e), replace the full-stop at the end with a semi-colon;
 - (c) in paragraph (2), after sub-paragraph (e), insert
 - "(f) if the plaintiff is a prescribed party one of the following documents:
 - (i) a certificate (issued by a person appointed under section 94A(9)(b) to conduct a parenting programme) stating that the plaintiff has completed a parenting programme;
 - (ii) a note (issued by a Director of the Ministry of Social and Family

- Development) stating that the plaintiff is an excluded party;
- (iii) an order of Court allowing the plaintiff to file the writ for divorce under section 94A(4)(a) and dispensing with the requirements in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) for the purposes of filing on the simplified uncontested hearing track;
- (g) if the defendant is a prescribed party one of the following documents:
 - (i) a certificate (issued by a person appointed under section 94A(9)(b) to conduct a parenting programme) stating that the defendant has completed a parenting programme;
 - (ii) a note (issued by a Director of the Ministry of Social and Family Development) stating that the defendant is an excluded party;
 - (iii) an order of Court dispensing with the requirements in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) for the purposes of filing on the simplified uncontested hearing track."; and
- (d) after paragraph (3), insert
 - "(3A) An order for the purposes of paragraph (2)(f)(iii) and (g)(iii) may be made on an application by a prescribed party in any divorce proceedings."

[G.N. Nos. S 144/2015; S 301/2016; S 610/2016; S 375/2017; S 416/2017; S 544/2017; S 617/2017; S 126/2018; S 409/2018; S 722/2018; S 834/2018; S 41/2019; S 611/2019; S 778/2019; S 459/2020; S 523/2020; S 599/2020; S 1081/2020; S 639/2021; S 322/2022; S 156/2023; S 778/2023; S 523/2024]

Made on 15 June 2024.

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(To be presented to Parliament under section 46(7) of the Family Justice Act 2014).