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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

THE VIENNA DOCUMENT (PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES) ORDER 1991

(SI 1991 No. 1704)

This Order came into force on 24th July, 1991 and gives effect in the United Kingdom to paragraphs 58, 97 and 130 of the Vienna Document 1990 of the Negotiations on Confidence and Security — Building Measures.

NORTHERN IRELAND COURT SERVICE

Notice is hereby given that the Crown Court Rules Committee, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 52(1) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 and Article 31(6) of the Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990, has made a Statutory Rule entitled the Crown Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1991.

These rules, which come into operation on 2nd September, 1991, amend the Crown Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1979 to take account of the Criminal Justice (Confiscation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 and Part I of the Criminal Justice (International Cooperation) Act 1990. The Rules amend the 1979 Rules by the insertion of two new Parts.

Part VII contains rules which make provision for various matters arising under the 1990 Order, including:

- (a) the statements and other documents to be tendered to the court under Article 9 of the 1990 Order (Rule 52);
- (b) applications under Article 11(2) of the 1990 Order for the term of imprisonment or detention fixed in default of payment of a confiscation order to be increased to take account of interest on the unsatisfied order (Rule 53);
- (c) applications for the discharge and variation of orders under Article 31(2) of the 1990 Order (Rule 54).

Part VIII contains rules providing for matters arising under Part I of the 1990 Act, including:

 (a) the service of summonses or orders under section 2(1) of the 1990 Act outside the United Kingdom and proof of such service (Rules 56 and 57);

- (b) applications under section 3 of the 1990 Act for the issue of letters requesting the assistance of a court outside the United Kingdom in obtaining evidence for use in the Crown Court (Rules 58-60);
- (c) the procedure where the Crown Court has been nominated to receive evidence for use outside the United Kingdom under section 4(2) of the 1990 Act (Rule 61);
- (d) the court record of proceedings under the 1990 Act (Rule 62).

Copies of the Rules – Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1991 No. 327 – may be purchased from HMSO Bookshop, 80 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4JY.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982

Notice of Direction under Section 11

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 12(8) of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 ("the Act") that on 2nd August, 1991, the Secretary of State gave a direction under Section 11 of the Act to Gothaer Versicherungsbank VVaG. The direction provided that the company shall cease to be authorised to effect contracts of insurance in the United Kingdom for general business classes 5 and 11 and was given at the request of the company.

Department of Trade and Industry.

Dated the 2nd August, 1991.

CONSUMER CREDIT LICENSING APPEAL

A standard licence held by Springfield Mortgage Service to carry on a business of credit brokerage, debt adjusting and debt counselling was revoked by the Director General of Fair Trading in a determination dated 6th August and re-issued on 30th August, 1990. The licensee appealed against the determination. The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry's directions allowing the appeal were issued on 1st August, 1991.

Particulars of the determination and appeal can be found on the consumer credit public register maintained by the Director General of Fair Trading which may be inspected between 10.00 hours and 16.00 hours Monday to Friday at the Office of Fair Trading, Government Buildings, Bromyard Avenue, Acton, London W3 7BB, Tel: 081 743 5566.