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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2001 No. 432**

**MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

**Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Rules  
(Northern Ireland) 2001**

*Made* . . . . . 17th December 2001

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 11th January 2002

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 13 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a), on the advice of the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, hereby makes the following Rules:—

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 11th January 2002.

*Amendment of principal rules*

**2.** Rule 143 of the Magistrates' Courts Rules (Northern Ireland) 1984(b) shall be amended by substituting for paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

“(1) Subject to this Rule, a warrant issued by a resident magistrate or justice of the peace in proceedings upon complaint shall be addressed to the district commander for the police district in which the warrant is issued.”.

Dated 17th December 2001

*Irvine of Lairg, C.*

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(a) S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26)

(b) S.R. 1984 No. 225 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Rules

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules.)*

These Rules amend the Magistrates' Courts Rules (Northern Ireland) 1984 (the principal Rules) to substitute a new Rule 143 which provides for warrants in proceedings upon complaint to be sent for execution to the district commander for the police district in which the warrant is issued.

The amendment is required in consequence of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000.

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