

Practice Direction 01/17

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

CIVIL BILL - HIRE PURCHASE PROCEEDINGS

Please note that the Presiding District Judge has given the following instruction in relation to Hire Purchase Proceedings and has directed that it be immediately applied across all divisions:

All applications for further assessment of damages in cases where the value of goods has not been realised must, with immediate effect, be lodged in accordance with the procedures set out in Order 14, Part 1 of the County Court Rules 1981.

This will allow the defendant the opportunity to make an objection/representations to the court should he wish to do so. In the event that there is no objection lodged the application can be dealt with by the judge in chambers on the basis of the papers lodged.

A fee is payable on all such applications.

This direction is not to be applied retrospectively therefore any applications lodged on or before today can be dealt with under previous arrangements. All applications lodged after today are to be dealt with in accordance with this direction."

Dated this 30th day of June 2017.

ISOBEL BROWNLIE

PRESIDING DISTRICT JUDGE