

## **117th UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS**

The new Practice Direction 51Z supplementing the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 is made by the Master of the Rolls under the powers delegated to him by the Lord Chief Justice under Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and is approved by the Lord Chancellor.

The new Practice Direction comes into force on the day after the day on which it is approved.

The Right Honourable Sir Terence Etherton  
Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice

The Right Honourable Robert Buckland QC MP  
Lord Chancellor

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **PRACTICE DIRECTION 51Z – STAY OF POSSESSION PROCEEDINGS AND EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS - CORONAVIRUS**

- 1) After Practice Direction 51Y insert Practice Direction 51Z as set out in the Schedule to this Update.

## **SCHEDULE**

# **PRACTICE DIRECTION 51Z – STAY OF POSSESSION PROCEEDINGS - CORONAVIRUS**

This Practice Direction supplements Part 51

1. This practice direction is made under rule 51.2 of the Civil Procedure Rules (“CPR”). It is intended to assess modifications to the rules and Practice Directions that may be necessary during the Coronavirus pandemic and the need to ensure that the administration of justice, including the enforcement of orders, is carried out so as not to endanger public health. As such it makes provision to stay proceedings for, and to enforce, possession. It ceases to have effect on 30 October 2020.
2. All proceedings for possession brought under CPR Part 55 and all proceedings seeking to enforce an order for possession by a warrant or writ of possession are stayed for a period of 90 days from the date this Direction comes into force.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, claims for injunctive relief are not subject to the stay in paragraph 2.