

106th UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the existing practice directions supplementing the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 are 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 are approved by Lucy Frazer QC MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments to the following existing practice directions come into force on the following dates—	
Practice Direction 51R – Online Civil Money Claims Pilot	11a.m. on 18 th March 2019
Practice Direction 51S – The County Court Online Pilot	11a.m. on 18 th March 2019

The amendments made by this Update apply in relation to all claims submitted to the court at or after 11a.m. on 18th March 2019.

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

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:

Lucy Frazer QC MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice
Ministry of Justice

Date: 14th March 2019

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51R – ONLINE CIVIL MONEY CLAIMS PILOT

- 1) In the table of contents, after the entry “Defendant’s response on paper Paragraph 10.1” insert the following entries –

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SECTION 10A – Informing the court that the claim has been settled	
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- 2) After paragraph 10.1, insert –

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Informing the court that the claim has been settled

10A.1(1) If the claimant uses the OCMC website to tell the court that the claim has been settled, the court must notify the defendant. When the court notifies the defendant, it must also tell the defendant that the claim will be stayed, unless the defendant contacts the court, on time, to object.

(2) The defendant contacts the court on time if they contact the court within 19 days after notification by the court.

(3) If the defendant objects on time, the court must transfer the claim out of Online Civil Money Claims to the “CCBC” (as defined).

(4) If the defendant does not object on time, the court must “stay” the proceedings (as defined).”

- 3) In paragraph 14.1(1) –

a) for “after 4p.m.”, substitute “at or after 4p.m.”; and

b) for “the following day” substitute “before 4p.m. on the next day the court office is open”.

- 4) In paragraph 14.1(2)(b), for “beyond” substitute “up to or beyond”.

- 5) In paragraph 14.1(3), after “on time if it is submitted” insert “before 4p.m.”.

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51S – THE COUNTY COURT ONLINE PILOT

- 1) In paragraph 16 –

a) for “after 4p.m.”, substitute “at or after 4p.m.”; and

- b) for “the following day” substitute “before 4p.m. on the next day the court office is open”.
- 2) In paragraph 17.2, for “beyond” substitute “up to or beyond”.
- 3) In paragraph 18, after “on time if it is submitted” insert “before 4p.m.”.