

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Subordinate Law No. 16 of 1992

Issued by the Authority of the Judges
of the Supreme Court

AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT

These amendments provide as follows:

- . Amendment of Order 1 to enable the Rules of Court to be cited as the "Supreme Court Rules".
- . Insertion of new Order 33A (Failure to Conduct Proceedings) which enables the Court (including the Master) to stay or dismiss proceedings where a claimant for relief fails to comply with an order or direction of the Court or a Judge, or delays prosecution of the proceedings without due cause.
- . Insertion of new Order 33B (Security for Costs) which sets out the procedure to be followed by a defendant when applying for an order that the plaintiff provide security for costs, the circumstances in which such an order may be made and the value and mode of security. These provisions replace the security for costs provisions in Order 65, rules 4, 5 and 6 which are omitted.
- . Amendments to Order 61A (Authority of Master) which expand the jurisdiction of the Court that may be exercised by the Master as provided for in new paragraphs (o) - (x) of Rule 1.01. These new areas of jurisdiction exercisable by the Master are similar to jurisdiction exercisable by the Master of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
- . Amendments of a tidying up nature as specified in the Schedule.