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In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 11A(4) of the British Indian Ocean Territory Order 1976, the **Order in Council**, the Chief Justice has made the following rules of court –

**Citation.**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Supreme Court (Exercise of Jurisdiction in the United Kingdom) Rules 1998, RRBIOT c.B.7.

**Directions as to Court sitting in the United Kingdom, and related procedure.**

2. (1) Any direction made under section 11A(1) of the Order in Council that the Supreme Court shall sit in the United Kingdom for any purpose may be made by the Chief Justice, as he may think fit in any particular case, either in open court or in Chambers and either in the Territory or in the United Kingdom.

(2) Where the Chief Justice makes such a direction as described in sub-rule (1) that the Supreme Court shall sit in the United Kingdom for any purposes, it shall sit for that purpose in such place in the United Kingdom and at such time as the Chief Justice may from time to time appoint.

(3) The procedure to be followed in the making, and in the consideration and disposal, of an application under section 11A(3) of the Order in Council for such a direction as described in sub-rule (1) shall be as the Chief Justice may, in any particular case, determine for the purposes of that case, and any person seeking to make such an application may first apply informally to the Chief Justice, sitting in Chambers in any place where he is for the time being, for such a procedural determination.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of the Chief Justice's powers under paragraph (3) to make any procedural determination that he thinks fit in the circumstances of the case, any such determination may include requirements as to –

(a) supporting documentation (including affidavits) to be submitted to the Chief Justice;

(b) notification (including copies of any such supporting documentation) to be given to other parties or potential parties to

the proceedings in connection with which the application is made or is to be made; and

(c) the right (and any condition to which that right is subject) of any such other party or potential party to be heard by the Chief Justice in his consideration of the application.

(5) All documents required to be submitted to the Chief Justice for the purposes of any application under section 11A(3) of the order in Council shall be so submitted through the Registrar of the Supreme Court, and, unless the Supreme Court is for the time being sitting in the Territory, they shall be so submitted at the sub-registry of the Court at its location in the United Kingdom as for the time being prescribed by rules of court.

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