

ROYAL COURT OF JERSEY

RC17/02

Placing Case on the Pending List and Adjournments by Consent Prior to Pleadings

1. When an action is to come before the Royal Court for the first time following service on the defendant or has been adjourned for the matter to come back before the Royal Court and the parties (or those parties who have been duly served in an action as the case may be), agree that the action is to be placed on the Pending List, the following procedures will apply:-
 - a. It remains the responsibility of the parties to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for an action to be placed on the "*Table*";
 - b. If an action has been *tabled*, and all parties concerned in the particular application, agree that an action is to be placed on the Pending List, a letter signed by the parties or their legal representatives of all the parties to that effect and lodged with the Judicial Greffe by 12 noon on the day prior to the action being called (usually on the Friday afternoon sitting of the Royal Court), will mean that the parties or their representatives or any of them will not be required to appear before the sitting of which the action is to be called.
2. Where parties wish to adjourn any matter by agreement, it having been *tabled*, the parties may adjourn matters for up to 4 weeks without leave of the Court provided that a letter is filed with the Judicial Greffier complying with the terms of paragraph 1b of this Practice Direction.

3. If parties wish to adjourn a matter for more than 4 weeks whether for a defined period or indefinitely, the parties must provide to the Judicial Greffier by the same time limit as set out in paragraph 1b of this Practice Direction an agreed written statement setting out why the adjournment is required including the justification for the length of the adjournment sought.
4. If the requirements set out in this Practice Direction have been met the Court will either approve what has been agreed or, if it is not prepared to grant approval, will ensure appropriate notice is given to the parties so that they may appear before it to enable the Court to consider any alternative course of action which it considers appropriate;
5. An adjournment may also be sought orally. The parties in seeking an oral adjournment must justify why an adjournment is required.
6. Adjournments for an indefinite period will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
7. No more than 3 adjournments of an action prior to filing of any further pleadings will be granted save in exceptional circumstances;
8. On expiry of any adjournment granted for a defined period the matter shall return before the Royal Court on the next Friday afternoon sitting where the parties may place the matter on the Pending List (if grounds exist to do so) or seek a further adjournment in compliance with the terms of this Practice Direction;

This Practice Direction will come into force on 1st June 2017 and Practice Direction RC 05/22 is repealed.