

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 114

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT, CHAP. 12:02

RULES

MADE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION 78(a) OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT, CHAP. 4:01; SECTION 41 OF THE JURY ACT, CHAP. 6:53; SECTION 14(c) OF THE EVIDENCE ACT, CHAP. 7:01; SECTION 16B OF THE INDICTABLE OFFENCES (PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY) ACT, CHAP. 12:01; SECTION 77(1) OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT, CHAP. 12:02 AND SUBJECT TO NEGATIVE RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2020

1. Citation and Commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Rules, 2020.

2. Interpretation

2. In these Rules, “the Rules” means the Criminal Procedure Rules, 2016. L.N. No. 55 of 2016

3. New Rule 22C inserted

3. The Rules are amended by inserting after Rule 22B the following new Rule:

“22C. Vacations and Office Hours

Terms and vacations

22C.1 (1) For the law years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 there shall be three terms, namely—

- (a) the first term which begins—
 - (i) in the case of the Court of Appeal, on the 11th January; and
 - (ii) in the case of the High Court, on the 3rd January;

and ends on the Thursday before Easter;

- (b) the second term which begins on the Monday following Easter Monday and ends on the 15th September, such dates are inclusive; and

(c) the third term which begins on the 16th September and ends—

(i) in the case of the Court of Appeal on the 21st December; and

(ii) in the case of the High Court on the 19th December,

such dates are inclusive.

(2) Accordingly, the vacations are as follows:

(a) the first short vacation which—

(i) in the case of the Court of Appeal, begins on the 22nd December and ends on the 10th January; and

(ii) in the case of the High Court, begins on the 20th December and ends on the 2nd January; and

(b) the second short vacation which begins on Good Friday and ends on the Sunday following Easter Monday,

such dates are inclusive.

Hearing of applications, etc., in vacations

22C.2 (1) During vacations the Court shall hear and determine only such matters as it certifies as urgent or requiring prompt attention.

(2) A participant may apply to the Court for any matter to be heard in vacation.

Days on which court offices open and office hours

22C.3 The court offices shall be open on every day of the year except—

(a) Saturdays and Sundays;

(b) Carnival Monday and Tuesday;

(c) public holidays;

(d) the next following working day after Christmas day;

(e) Monday and Tuesday after Easter; and

(f) such other days as the Chief Justice may direct, between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.”.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2020.

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Chief Justice

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Justice of Appeal

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