



Coronavirus – Information for Queen’s Bench Division Court Users (Bulletin 9)

INFORMATION FOR QUEEN’S BENCH COURT USERS EXTENSION OF STAY ON VARIOUS ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

Possession proceedings

Practice Direction PD51Z, which suspended possession proceedings (save against trespassers) for a period of 90 days, was due to expire on 24 June 2020, but an amendment made by the Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) (Coronavirus) Rules 2020 coming into force on 25 June 2020 has extended the expiry date to 23 August 2020, see <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/582/article/2/made>.

Taking Control of Goods – Writs of Control

The Taking Control of Goods and Certification of Enforcement Agents (Amendment) (No. 20 (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020, which enters into force on 24 June 2020, makes further amendments to the Taking Control of Goods Regulations 2013 (“the TCG Regulations 2013”) see www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/614/contents/made.

It provides for the following:

An amendment to Regulation 2 of the TCG Regulations 2013. This amendment prescribes 23 August 2020 as the date on which:

- a) restrictions on bailiffs taking control of goods on the highway or at residential premises under regulations 10(1)(d) and 23(2)(c) of the TCG Regulations 2013 expire; and
- b) the provisions for automatic extension of the period of validity of a notice of enforcement under regulations 9(5) and 9(6) of the TCG Regulations 2013 expire.



Accordingly the QB Enforcement Section will not:

- a) Issue writs of possession;
- b) Process applications for permission to issue writs of possession or writs of restitution in aid of a writ of possession;
- c) Issue Writs of Control;
- d) Process any of the above received, but not processed, since the suspension/restriction came into force;

until the first working day after 23 August 2020, namely 24 August 2020.

Although we are arranging additional resources for QB Enforcement to deal with the anticipated volume of enforcement work from 24 August 2020, please understand that there may be some delay in processing because of the backlog. If there is very pressing urgency please notify court staff and we shall do our best to accommodate this.

Senior Master Fontaine
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