

PRACTICE DIRECTIONS

AMENDMENT TO ORDER 48 RULE 4

FEDERAL HIGH COURT (CIVIL PROCEDURE) RULES 2009

(PENALTY FOR NON COMPLIANCE)

**SECTION 254 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF NIGERIA 1999, ORDER 1 RULE 4 AND ORDER 57 RULE 3
FEDERAL HIGH COURT (CIVIL PROCEDURE) RULES 2009**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 254 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 and all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, Ibrahim Ndahi Auta (OFR) Chief Judge, Federal High Court, hereby make the following Practice Directions amending Order 48 Rule 4 of the Federal High Court (Civil procedure) Rules 2009

AMENDMENT: ORDER 48 (4) shall read:-

- (4) The Judge may, as often as he deems fit and either before or after the expiration of the time appointed by these Rules or by any Judgment or Order of the Court,


extend or adjourn the time for doing any act or taking any proceedings.

PROVIDED that any party who defaults in performing an act within the time authorized by the Judge or under these Rules shall pay to the Court an additional fee of N1,000.00 (One Thousand Naira) for each day of such default at the time of compliance. There shall be no waivers. All defaulting parties must pay the penalty fee as now prescribed.

DATED IN ABUJA THIS 2nd Day of May 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment intends to ensure that cases are not unduly delayed by filing of documents outside the time allowed by the Rules, and to address Counsel/Litigants induced delays.


I. N AUTA (OFR)
CHIEF JUDGE