

L.N. 18 of 1979

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATION
(1963 No. 20)

THE SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) RULES 1979

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 121 (2) of the Constitution of the Federation, the Supreme Court of Nigeria hereby makes the following Rules :—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Supreme Court (Amendment) Rules 1979, and shall be read and construed as one with the Supreme Court Rules 1977, and shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1979.

Citation,
construction,
and
commence-
ment.

2. Order 9 of the Supreme Court Rules 1977 is hereby amended by adding thereto immediately after rule 7, the following new rule as rule 8—

Amendment
of Order 9
of L.N. 48 of
1977.

“Power of
Court to
accelerate
hearing in
exceptional
circum-
stances.”

8. The Court may, where it considers the circumstances of an appeal to be exceptional, or that the hearing of an appeal must be accelerated in the interest of justice, waive compliance with the provisions of Order 9, in so far as they relate to the preparation and filing of Briefs of Argument, either wholly or in part, or reduce the time limits specified in the Order, to such extent as the Court may deem reasonable in the circumstances of the case.”

Made by the Supreme Court of Nigeria on the 23rd day of May 1979.

D. A. R. ALEXANDER,
Chief Justice of Nigeria
UDO UDOMA,
Justice of the Supreme Court
A. FATAYI-WILLIAMS,
Justice of the Supreme Court
G. S. SOWEMIMO,
Justice of the Supreme Court
A. G. IRIKFE,
Justice of the Supreme Court
M. BELLO,
Justice of the Supreme Court
C. IDIGBE,
Justice of the Supreme Court
A. O. OBASEKI,
Justice of the Supreme Court
MUH. BUBA ARDO,
Justice of the Supreme Court
KAYODE ESO,
Justice of the Supreme Court
A. N. ANIAGOLU,
Justice of the Supreme Court

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of these Rules but is
intended to explain the effect)

The amendment to the Supreme Court Rules 1977 is designed to speed up proceedings in election appeals in particular and generally in the interest of justice.