

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

IN RE: \* MISC. NO. 00-308  
EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO \*  
LOCAL RULE 103.8 \* MISC. NO. 10-642

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**STANDING ORDER 2015-07**

Pursuant to Local Rule 605.2 and for good cause shown, the full bench considered and approved the following emergency amendment to Local Rule 103.8:<sup>1</sup>

a. Failure to Effect Service

If a party demanding affirmative relief has not effected service of process within ~~120~~**[90]** days of filing the pleading seeking the affirmative relief, the Court may enter an order asking the party to show cause why the claim should not be dismissed. If the party fails to show good cause within fourteen (14) days of the entry of the order or such other time as may be set by the Court, the claim shall be dismissed without prejudice.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The above emergency amendment to Local Rule 103.8 is approved, effective December 1, 2015;
2. This amendment applies to all cases filed on or after December 1, 2015, to the extent practicable, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge; and
3. The Clerk is directed to provide prompt public notice of this amendment, to publish amended Local Rules, and to submit this amendment for public consideration under Local Rule 605.1 during the next regular amendment cycle.

Dec. 1, 2015  
Date

  
Catherine C. Blake, Chief Judge  
United States District Court

<sup>1</sup> The new language appears in bold between the brackets. Deleted language is crossed out.