

Schedule Part 5 - Order VIII Defence, Specific Denial and Forfeiture - One-page Cheat Sheet

Filing gate: classify commercial dispute, specified value, current notified forum and section 12A PIMS/urgent-relief status before institution.

Chapter in 2 Minutes

- Specific reasoned denials, alternative version, jurisdiction/value objections and the 120-day written-statement bar.
- The commercial CPC amendment is binding process, not a best-practice suggestion.
- Preserve dates, authority, disclosure and court orders because procedural defaults can be irreversible.
- Verify High Court practice directions and e-filing requirements without displacing the statutory Schedule.

Provision / control map

Gate	Status	Meaning	Action
Statutory change	Operative with section 16	Specific reasoned denials, alternative version, jurisdiction/value objections and the 120-day written-statement bar.	Convert the exact Rule into a pleading, evidence and docket checklist.
Deadline/control	Matter-specific	Specific reasoned denials, alternative version, jurisdiction/value objections and the 120-day written-statement bar.	Assign owner and system reminders; document any extension power and outer limit.
Consequence	Court-controlled	Non-compliance may remove a procedural right or materially change merits.	Reasoned application, response and order.
Local overlay	Verify conflict and supplement	Section 16(3) gives the statutory commercial CPC priority over conflicting local amendments.	Current High Court source and conflict memo.

Decision flow



Critical matter file

Current Act/Rules/notification; contract and authority; classification/value/limitation; PIMS; pleadings and Statement of Truth; disclosure/e-records; case calendar; costs/interest; appeal and enforcement.

Canonical: <https://finin2min.com/laws/commercial-courts-act-2015/schedule/05-order-viii-defence.html>
Official Act: <https://www.indiacode.nic.in/bitstream/123456789/2156/1/a2016-04.pdf>
Verify current State/High Court instruments and signed Gazette.