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As you know, I am waiting for advice from (DTI Sols) on a non-statutory change to PF21/77 which will split box 7 so that separate signatures have to be provided; one confirming that the assignment has taken place (assignor) and the other confirming that stamp duty has been paid (assignee). This should address the problem you have identified.

In the meantime, if under the amended rule we receive a PF21/77 with one signature, ie. the assignor's, we should write to the agent who has filed the form asking for written confirmation from the assignee that stamp duty has been paid. I have discussed this with who agrees that we are unlikely to get many PF21/77's signed by the assignor only as it is the assignee who is most likely to apply to register the assignment.

I shall reflect this advice in an amendment to the PDI.