The present paper is a segment of a wider study on the general characteristics of the procedural law. Here we argue, that a possible approach to this problem is a combination of Hart's linguistic analyze and the use of Ganev’s concept of the “legal phenomenon”. In accordance to this approach, we interpret Hart’s concepts of “procedural law” and “procedure” in the context of his classification of primary and secondary rules. Our conclusion is that procedural norms, according to Hart, are part of the sets of secondary rules of recognition, change (when they are conferring public powers) and adjudication.

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