



# Deregulation Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 20

### *Administration of justice*

#### **81 Criminal procedure: written guilty pleas**

- (1) Section 12 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (non-appearance of accused: plea of guilty) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (7), after "shall" insert " , subject to rules of court made under subsection (7ZA),".
- (3) After subsection (7) insert—
  - "(7ZA) Rules of court may—
    - (a) specify which of paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (7) (if any) are to apply;
    - (b) provide that any such paragraph is to apply only in circumstances specified in the rules.
  - (7B) Where rules of court are made under subsection (7ZA), subsection (7) applies only to the extent provided for by the rules."