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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 759**

The Criminal Procedure Rules 2020

PART 20

HEARSAY EVIDENCE

**Court's power to vary requirements under this Part**

**20.5.**—(1) The court may—

- (a) shorten or extend (even after it has expired) a time limit under this Part;
- (b) allow an application or notice to be in a different form to one [<sup>F1</sup>issued under] the Practice Direction, or to be made or given orally; and
- (c) dispense with the requirement for notice to introduce hearsay evidence.

(2) A party who wants an extension of time must—

- (a) apply when serving the application or notice for which it is needed; and
- (b) explain the delay.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in [rule 20.5\(1\)\(b\)](#) substituted (2.10.2023) by [The Criminal Procedure \(Amendment No. 2\) Rules 2023 \(S.I. 2023/786\)](#), [rule 1](#), [Sch. para. 18](#)

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** Rule 20.5 in force at 5.10.2020, see Preamble

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Criminal Procedure Rules 2020, Section 20.5.