
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

Part IV of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 allows the Attorney General to refer certain cases to the Court of Appeal, with the leave of that Court, where he considers that a sentence imposed in the Crown Court was unduly lenient.

This Order extends the range of offences in respect of which that power may be exercised (at present offences triable only on indictment) to certain offences triable both summarily and on indictment; and also extends the range to include fraud cases which are tried in the Crown Court following the notice of transfer procedure established by Article 3 of the Criminal Justice (Serious Fraud) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988.