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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1997 No. 531**

**The Magistrates' Courts (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996) (Disclosure) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1997**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996) (Disclosure) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1998.

(2) In these Rules—

“the Act” means the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 and a reference to a section or Part by number is a reference to the section or Part so numbered in that Act;

“clerk of petty sessions” means the clerk of petty sessions for the petty sessions district for which the court of summary jurisdiction which is trying or is to try the offence referred to in section 1(1), and includes such other member of the Northern Ireland Court Service as may be authorised to act on his behalf for the purpose in question;

“the Order Book” means the Order Book required to be kept under Rule 19 of the principal Rules;

“the principal Rules” means the Magistrates' Courts Rules (Northern Ireland) 1984(1).