

**2008 No. 363**

**MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

**The Magistrates' Courts (Costs in Criminal Cases)  
(Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008**

*Made* - - - - - *3rd September 2008*

*Coming into operation* - *1st October 2008*

The Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 13 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and section 7 of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(b) after consultation with the Lord Chancellor and with the agreement of the Lord Chief Justice.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Costs in Criminal Cases) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 1st October 2008.

**Amendment to the Magistrates' Courts (Costs in Criminal Cases) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1988**

2. In rule 5 of the Magistrates' Courts (Costs in Criminal Cases) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1988(c), for "section 2", substitute "section 2 or 3".

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Dated 3rd September 2008

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(a) S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26): Article 13 was amended by paragraph 65 of Schedule 5 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4).  
(b) 1968 c. 10 (N.I.): section 7 was amended by rule 48 of S.R. 1979 No. 90.  
(c) S.R. 1988/136; to which the most recent relevant amendments were made by S.R. 1994 No. 285.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Rules)*

These Rules amend the Magistrates' Courts (Costs in Criminal Cases) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1988 so as provide that rule 5 refers to an order made under section 2 or 3 of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act (Northern Ireland) 1968.

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