



Magistrates' Courts Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 43

PART I

CRIMINAL JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE

[^{F1}Committal proceedings]

[^{F1}5A Evidence which is admissible.

^{F2}(1) Evidence falling within subsection (2) below, and only that evidence, shall be admissible by a magistrates' court inquiring into an offence as examining justices.

(2) Evidence falls within this subsection if it—

- (a) is tendered by or on behalf of the prosecutor, and
- (b) falls within subsection (3) below.

(3) The following evidence falls within this subsection—

- (a) written statements complying with section 5B below;
- (b) the documents or other exhibits (if any) referred to in such statements;
- (c) depositions complying with section 5C below;
- (d) the documents or other exhibits (if any) referred to in such depositions;
- (e) statements complying with section 5D below;
- (f) documents falling within section 5E below.

(4) In this section “document” means anything in which information of any description is recorded.]]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 5A-5F inserted (with effect as mentioned in Sch. 1 Pt. III para. 39 of the inserting Act) by 1996 c. 25, s. 47, **Sch. 1 Pt. I para.3** (with s. 78(1)); S.I. 1997/683, **art. 1(2)**

F2 Ss. 4-8 repealed (18.6.2012 for specified purposes, 5.11.2012 for specified purposes, 28.5.2013 for specified purposes) by **Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44), s. 336(3)(4), Sch. 3 para. 51(3), Sch. 37 Pt.**

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4; S.I. 2012/1320, art. 4(1)(c)(2)(3) (with art. 5) (see S.I. 2012/2574, art. 4(2) and S.I. 2013/1103, art. 4); S.I. 2012/2574, art. 2(2)(3)(c), Sch. (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (4.11.2012) by S.I. 2012/2761, art. 2) (with S.I. 2013/1103, art. 4); **S.I. 2013/1103**, art. 2(1)(c)(2)(3) (with arts. 3, 4)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 5A extended (with effect as mentioned in Sch. 1 Pt. III para. 39 of 1996 c. 25) by 1972 c. 71, **s. 46(1A)(a)(1B)(a)** (as inserted by 1996 c. 25, s. 47, **Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 22(3)** (with s. 78(1); S.I. 1997/683, **art. 1(2)**)

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