



Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 60

PART VII

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

72 Part VII—supplementary.

(1) In this Part of this Act—

[^{F1}“copy”, in relation to a document, means anything onto which information recorded in the document has been copied, by whatever means and whether directly or indirectly, and “statement” means any representation of fact, however made; and]

“proceedings” means criminal proceedings, including^{F2} service proceedings.]

[^{F3}(1A) In subsection (1) “service proceedings” means proceedings before a court (other than a civilian court) in respect of a service offence; and “service offence” and “civilian court” here have the same meanings as in the Armed Forces Act 2006.]

(2) Nothing in this Part of this Act shall prejudice any power of a court to exclude evidence (whether by preventing questions from being put or otherwise) at its discretion.

Extent Information

E1 S. 72 extends to England and Wales only with exceptions as regards courts martial, see s. 120(1)(6)-(8)

Textual Amendments

F1 Definitions of “copy” and “statement” in s. 72(1) substituted (31.1.1997) by 1995 c. 38, s. 15(1), **Sch. 1 para. 9(2)** (with ss. 1(3), 6(4)(5), 14); S.I. 1996/3217, **art. 2**

F2 S. 72(1): words in definition of “proceedings” substituted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) for paras. (a)-(c) by **Armed Forces Act 2006** (c. 52), ss. 378(1), 383, **Sch. 16 para. 102(2)**; S.I. 2009/812, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, **art. 4**

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F3 S. 72(1A) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378(1), 383, [Sch. 16 para. 102\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)

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