



Transport and Works Act 1992

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PART II

SAFETY OF RAILWAYS ETC

CHAPTER I

OFFENCES INVOLVING DRINK OR DRUGS

Evidence in proceedings for offences under section 27

35 Documentary evidence as to specimens

- (1) In proceedings for any offence under section 27 above, evidence of the proportion of alcohol in a specimen of breath may be given by the production of a document (or documents) purporting to be—
 - (a) a statement automatically produced by the device by which the proportion of alcohol in the specimen was measured, and
 - (b) a certificate signed by a constable (which may but need not be contained in the same document as the statement) that the specimen was provided by the accused at the date and time shown in the statement.
- (2) In such proceedings, evidence of the proportion of alcohol or a drug in a specimen of blood or urine may be given by the production of a document purporting to be a certificate signed by an authorised analyst identifying the specimen and stating the proportion of alcohol or drug found in it.
- (3) In such proceedings, evidence that a specimen of blood was taken from the accused with his consent by a medical practitioner may be given by the production of a document purporting to be a certificate to that effect signed by the practitioner.
- (4) A document such as is mentioned in subsection (1) above shall be admissible in evidence on behalf of the prosecution in pursuance of this section only if a copy of it

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either was handed to the accused when the document was produced or was served on him not later than seven days before the hearing.

- (5) A document such as is mentioned in subsection (2) or (3) above shall be admissible in evidence on behalf of the prosecution in pursuance of this section only if a copy of it was served on the accused not later than seven days before the hearing.
- (6) A document purporting to be a certificate (or so much of a document as purports to be a certificate) shall not be admissible in evidence on behalf of the prosecution in pursuance of this section if the accused, not later than three days before the hearing or within such further time as the court may in special circumstances allow, has served notice on the prosecutor requiring the attendance at the hearing of the person by whom the document purports to be signed.
- (7) In this section “served” means served personally or sent by registered post or recorded delivery service.
- (8) In subsection (2) above “authorised analyst” means—
 - (a) any person possessing the qualifications prescribed by regulations made under section 76 of the Food Act 1984 or section 27 of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act 1956 as qualifying persons for appointment as public analysts under those Acts, or
 - (b) any other person authorised by the Secretary of State to make analyses for the purposes of this section.