



# Terrorism Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 11

### PART VII

#### NORTHERN IRELAND

##### *Scheduled offences*

#### 66 Preliminary inquiry.

- (1) In proceedings before a magistrates' court for a scheduled offence, if the prosecution requests the court to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the offence the court shall grant the request.
- (2) In subsection (1) "preliminary inquiry" means a preliminary inquiry under the <sup>M1</sup>Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.
- (3) Subsection (1)—
  - (a) shall apply notwithstanding anything in Article 31 of that Order,
  - (b) shall not apply in respect of an offence where the court considers that in the interests of justice a preliminary investigation should be conducted into the offence under that Order, and
  - (c) shall not apply in respect of an extra-territorial offence (as defined in section 1(3) of the <sup>M2</sup>Criminal Jurisdiction Act 1975)).
- (4) Where a person charged with a scheduled offence is also charged with a non-scheduled offence, the non-scheduled offence shall be treated as a scheduled offence for the purposes of this section.

#### Marginal Citations

**M1** S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26).

**M2** 1975 c. 59.

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