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PART 9

SENTENCING: PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

CHAPTER 1

PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES APPLYING TO SERVICE COURTS AND SUMMARY HEARINGS

Service detention and custodial sentences

243 Length of term of service detention: general provision

- (1) This section applies where a sentence of service detention is passed in respect of a service offence.
- (2) Where the detention is imposed by a court other than the Summary Appeal Court, it must be for the shortest term (not exceeding the permitted maximum) that in the opinion of the court is commensurate with the seriousness of the offence or the combination of the offence and one or more offences associated with it.
- (3) Where the detention is imposed by an officer at a summary hearing or by the Summary Appeal Court, it must be for the shortest term (not exceeding the permitted maximum) that in the opinion of the officer or court is commensurate with the seriousness of the offence (or, if it is imposed in respect of two or more offences, the seriousness of them taken together).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 243 applied (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Court Martial\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2041\)](#), art. 1, [rule 161\(9\)](#)

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Commencement Information

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