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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Standing Civilian Courts Order 1977.

In consequence of section 9 of the Armed Forces Act 1986, articles 49, 55 and 79 of the Principal Order are amended and articles 53A, 53B and 54, together with Schedules 5 and 6, are introduced into the Principal Order and establish procedures and prescribe forms to give effect to the power, under paragraphs 2A of Schedule 5A to the Army Act 1955 (c. 18) and of Schedule 5A to the Air Force Act 1955 (c. 19), of Standing Civilian Courts to defer the award of sentence.

Article 19(1) is amended in consequence of sections 7(4) and 16(2) of and Schedule 2 to the Armed Forces Act 1986, which repealed section 7(3) of the Armed Forces Act 1976 (time limit on the commencement of proceedings before a Standing Civilian Court).