STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1989 No. 767

The Prosecution of Offences (Custody Time Limits) (Amendment) Regulations 1989

3. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations (custody time limits in magistrates' courts) shall be amended as follows:

- (a) in paragraphs (2) and (4) for the words following "shall be" in each paragraph there shall be substituted in each place the words "70 days (save that in the case of proceedings instituted in the Birmingham petty sessions area it shall be 84 days).";
- (b) for paragraph (5) the shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(5) The foregoing provisions of this regulation shall have effect as if any reference therein to the time when the court decides whether or not to commit the accused to the Crown Court for trial were a reference–

- (a) where a court proceeds to inquire into an information as examining justices in pursuance of section 6(1) of the 1980 Act, to the time when it begins to hear evidence for the prosecution at the inquiry;
- (b) where a notice has been given under section 4(1)(c) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 (in these Regulations referred to as a "notice of transfer"), to the date on which notice of transfer was given.".