
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PRISONS

The Prisoner Escorts Rules 1993

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 82(1)(a) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991⁽¹⁾, I hereby make the following Rules:

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Prisoner Escorts Rules 1993 and shall come into force on 5th April 1993.

(2) In these Rules—

- (a) “officer” means a prisoner custody officer who is authorised to perform escort functions in accordance with section 89 of the 1991 Act,
- (b) “prisoner” means a person for whose delivery or custody an officer is responsible in pursuance of prisoner escort arrangements within the meaning of section 80(2) of the 1991 Act, and
- (c) “the 1991 Act” means the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

2. An officer shall only search a prisoner when it appears necessary to do so in the interests of security, good order or discipline.

3. A prisoner shall be searched in as seemly a manner as is consistent with discovering anything concealed.

4. A prisoner shall not be searched when he is exposed to public observation unless it appears to an officer that that is necessary.

5. A prisoner shall not be stripped and searched in the sight of any person other than the officers who are present during the search.

6. A minimum of two officers shall be present when a prisoner is being stripped and searched.

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Home Office
7th March 1993

Kenneth Clarke
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of
State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules set out the conditions under which a prisoner custody officer, who is authorised to perform escort functions in accordance with section 89 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 (“the 1991 Act”), may search a prisoner for whose delivery or custody he is responsible in pursuance of prisoner escort arrangements within the meaning of section 80(2) of the 1991 Act.