

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Act of Adjournal)

This Act of Adjournal amends the Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 in order to:-

- (a) provide for a notice by an accused on a co-accused of lists of witnesses or productions to be served on the co-accused's solicitor (paragraph 2(2));
- (b) provide in applications for leave to appeal for the judge of the High Court considering the application to remit to the judge at first instance for a report with respect to the grounds of appeal (paragraph 2(3) and (5));
- (c) provide for a signature by mechanical or electronic means, or an official stamp of the signature, of the prosecutor of postal citations of accused persons and witnesses served in summary proceedings under section 141 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (paragraph 2(4)); and
- (d) correct certain minor errors (paragraph 2(6) to (9)).