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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 704**

**The Magistrates' Courts (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996) (Confidentiality) Rules 1997**

4.—(1) Where no application to which rule 3 applies is made in accordance with paragraph (2) of that rule, the court shall consider whether the application under section 17(4) of the Act of 1996 may be determined without hearing representations from the accused, the prosecutor or any person claiming to have an interest in the object or information to which the application relates, and may so determine it if the court thinks fit.

(2) Where an application to which rule 2 applies is determined without hearing any such representations the clerk of the court shall give notice in writing to the person who made the application and to the prosecutor of any order made under section 17(4) of the Act of 1996 or, as the case may be, that no such order has been made.