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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Criminal Procedure Rules 2005

PART 7

COMMENCING PROCEEDINGS IN MAGISTRATES' COURTS

**Form of summons**

7.7.—(1) A summons shall be signed by the justice issuing it or state his name and be authenticated by the signature of the clerk of a magistrates' court.

(2) A summons requiring a person to appear before a magistrates' court to answer to an information or complaint shall state shortly the matter of the information or complaint and shall state the time and place at which the defendant is required by the summons to appear.

(3) A single summons may be issued against a person in respect of several informations or complaints; but the summons shall state the matter of each information or complaint separately and shall have effect as several summonses, each issued in respect of one information or complaint.

(4) In this rule where a signature is required, an electronic signature incorporated into the document shall satisfy this requirement.

*[Note. Formerly rule 98 of the Magistrates' Courts Rules 1981. As to the service of a summons, see rule 4.1.]*