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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 1726**

**The Criminal Procedure Rules 2012**

**PART 15**

**PREPARATORY HEARINGS IN THE CROWN COURT**

**Commencement of preparatory hearing**

- 15.6.** At the beginning of a preparatory hearing, the court must—
- (a) announce that it is such a hearing; and
  - (b) take the defendant's plea (unless already done).

*[Note. See section 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987(1) and section 30 of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996(2).]*