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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 1554**

**The Criminal Procedure Rules 2013**

**PART 29**

**MEASURES TO ASSIST A WITNESS OR DEFENDANT TO GIVE EVIDENCE**

*SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEASURES DIRECTIONS*

**Exercise of court's powers**

- 29.8.** The court may decide whether to give, vary or discharge a special measures direction—
- (a) at a hearing, in public or in private, or without a hearing;
  - (b) in a party's absence, if that party—
    - (i) applied for the direction, variation or discharge, or
    - (ii) has had at least 14 days in which to make representations.