
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 3 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 sets out the functions of the Director of Public Prosecutions. These include taking over the conduct of all criminal proceedings instituted on behalf of a police force, unless the proceedings are specified in an Order made by the Attorney General under section 3(3). The Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (Specified Proceedings) Order 1999 (“the 1999 Order”) specifies certain such proceedings.

Article 2 of this Order amends the 1999 Order by adding a further offence, proceedings for which will be specified proceedings. That offence is the offence of theft, contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968, in the circumstances where it is the prosecutor’s case that the offence constitutes “low-value shoplifting” within the meaning of section 22A of the Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980.