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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 1490**

The Criminal Procedure Rules 2015

PART 25

TRIAL AND SENTENCE IN THE CROWN COURT

**Conviction or acquittal without a jury**

**25.15.**—(1) This rule applies where—

- (a) the court tries the case without a jury; and
- (b) after following the sequence in rule 25.9 (Procedure on plea of not guilty).

(2) In respect of each count, the court must give reasons for its decision to convict or acquit.

*[Note. Under sections 44 and 46 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003(1), the court may try a case without a jury where there is a danger of jury tampering, or where jury tampering appears to have taken place. Under section 17 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004(2), the court may try sample counts with a jury and other counts without a jury. Part 3 (preparation for trial in the Crown Court) contains rules about an application for such a trial.]*

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(1) 2003 c. 44.

(2) 2004 c. 28.