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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 25**

**The Ministry of Defence Police (Conduct etc.) Regulations 2015**

**PART 5**

**Fast Track Procedure for Special Cases**

**Attendance of complainant and interested persons at special case hearing**

**55.**—(1) This regulation applies in any special case hearing arising from a case which has been investigated under external procedures.

(2) The relevant authority must notify the complainant or any interested person of the date, time and place of the special case hearing.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this regulation and any conditions imposed under regulation 56(4), the complainant or any interested person may—

- (a) attend the special case hearing as an observer; and
- (b) be accompanied by one other person, and if the complainant or interested person has a special need, by one further person to accommodate that need.

(4) Where the officer concerned objects to the complainant or interested person, or any person accompanying them, being present while a submission is made in mitigation on the officer's behalf, the person conducting or chairing the special case hearing may require the complainant or interested person, or any person accompanying them, to withdraw while the submission is made.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, a person has a special need who, in the opinion of the person conducting or chairing the special case hearing, has a disability or learning difficulty, or does not have sufficient knowledge of English to participate in or understand the special case hearing.