STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 134

SUPREME COURT, NORTHERN IRELAND
CROWN COURT

The Crown Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*17th March 1999*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*16th August 1999*

We, the Crown Court Rules Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred upon us by section 52(1) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978(**1**), Articles 10(7) and 11(3) of the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**2**) and of all other powers enabling us in that behalf, hereby with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor makes the following Rules:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Crown Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 16th August 1999.

Excusing of jurors

2. After rule 47 of the Crown Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1979(**3**) there shall be inserted the following new rule—

"**Excusing of jurors**

47A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (4) the powers of a judge under Article 10 and 11(1) of the 1996 Order may be exercised by the Juries Officer.

(2) A person dissatisfied with a decision of a Juries Officer made under Article 10 or 11(1) of the 1996 Order and this rule may appeal to a judge in accordance with paragraph (3).

(3) An appeal under this rule shall be commenced by the appellant giving notice of appeal to the Juries Officer and such notice shall be in writing and shall specify the matters upon which the appellant relies in support of his appeal.

(**1**) 1978 c. 23
(**2**) S.I.1996/1141 (N.I. 6)
(**3**) S.R. 1979 No. 90, to which there are amendments not relevant to these rules