

# Serious Crime Act 2015

## **2015 CHAPTER 9**

### PART 1

PROCEEDS OF CRIME

## **CHAPTER 3**

#### NORTHERN IRELAND

Confiscation: assets held by defendant and other

#### 26 Appeals

- (1) In section 181 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (appeal to Court of Appeal), after subsection (3) insert—
  - "(4) An appeal lies to the Court of Appeal against a determination, under section 160A, of the extent of the defendant's interest in property.
  - (5) An appeal under subsection (4) lies at the instance of-
    - (a) the prosecutor;
    - (b) a person who the Court of Appeal thinks is or may be a person holding an interest in the property, if subsection (6) or (7) applies.
  - (6) This subsection applies if the person was not given a reasonable opportunity to make representations when the determination was made.
  - (7) This subsection applies if it appears to the Court of Appeal to be arguable that giving effect to the determination would result in a serious risk of injustice to the person.
  - (8) An appeal does not lie under subsection (4) where—
    - (a) the Court of Appeal believes that an application under section 198 is to be made by the prosecutor for the appointment of a receiver,

- (b) such an application has been made but has not yet been determined, or
- (c) a receiver has been appointed under section 198."
- (2) In section 182 of that Act (court's powers on appeal), after subsection (2) insert—

"(2A) On an appeal under section 181(4) the Court of Appeal may—

- (a) confirm the determination, or
- (b) make such order as it believes is appropriate."

#### (3) In section 183 of that Act (appeal to Supreme Court)—

- (a) for subsection (2) substitute—
  - "(2) An appeal under this section lies at the instance of—
    - (a) the defendant or the prosecutor (except where paragraph (b) applies);
    - (b) if the proceedings in the Court of Appeal were proceedings on an appeal under section 181(4), any person who was a party to those proceedings.";
- (b) after subsection (3) insert—
  - "(3A) On an appeal under this section from a decision under section 182(2A) the Supreme Court may—
    - (a) confirm the decision of the Court of Appeal, or
    - (b) make such order as it believes is appropriate."

#### **Commencement Information**

II S. 26 in force at 1.6.2015 by S.R. 2015/190, reg. 3(1)(a)

### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Serious Crime Act 2015, Section 26.