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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 1501**

**The Criminal Justice (Evidence) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004**

**PART III**

**HEARSAY EVIDENCE**

*General*

**Interpretation of Part III**

**37.—(1)** In this Part—

“copy”, in relation to a document, means anything on to which information recorded in the document has been copied, by whatever means and whether directly or indirectly;

“criminal proceedings” means criminal proceedings in relation to which the strict rules of evidence apply;

“defendant”, in relation to criminal proceedings, means a person charged with an offence in those proceedings;

“document” means anything in which information of any description is recorded;

“oral evidence” includes evidence which, by reason of any disability, disorder or other impairment, a person called as a witness gives in writing or by signs or by way of any device.

(2) Article 19 (statements and matters stated) contains other general interpretative provisions.

(3) Where a defendant is charged with two or more offences in the same criminal proceedings, this Part has effect as if each offence were charged in separate proceedings.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Criminal Justice (Evidence) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004, Section 37.