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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 7**

**Magistrates' Courts (Criminal Justice  
(Children)) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999**

**Part II**

**Proceedings in Criminal Matters**

**A.**

*General*

**Explanation of proceedings in simple language**

**5.—**(1) The court shall explain to the child the nature of the proceedings and, where he is charged with an offence, the substance of the charge.

(2) The explanation shall be given in simple language suitable to the child's age and understanding.