

**2003 No. 290**

**CRIMINAL LAW**

**The Drugs Courts (Scotland) Order 2003**

<i>Made</i>	<i>5th June 2003</i>
<i>Laid before the Scottish Parliament</i>	<i>6th June 2003</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>27th June 2003</i>

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 42(2) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Drugs Courts (Scotland) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 27th June 2003.

**Drugs Courts**

2. There shall be a drugs court within the sheriffdoms listed in the Schedule to this Order.

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
5th June 2003

*CATHY JAMIESON*  
A member of the Scottish Executive

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(a) 2003 asp 7. See section 87(1) for the definition of "prescribed".

**SCHEDULE**  
**LIST OF SHERIFFDOMS**

1. The Sheriffdom of Glasgow and Strathkelvin.
2. The Sheriffdom of Tayside, Central and Fife.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order prescribes that there shall be a drugs court within the Sheriffdoms of Glasgow and Strathkelvin and Tayside, Central and Fife (article 2 and the Schedule). A “drugs court” is defined in section 42(1) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 as a court especially appropriate to deal with cases involving persons dependent on, or with a propensity to misuse, drugs. In terms of section 42(2)(a) of that Act, the sheriff principal is to nominate a court within the sheriffdom to be a drugs court.

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