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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1644**

**The Police Appeals Tribunals (Scotland) Rules 1996**

**Failure of parties to attend hearing**

**14.**—(1) If a party fails to attend or be represented at a hearing of which he has been duly notified in terms of rule 9, the tribunal may—

- (a) unless it is satisfied that there is sufficient reason for such absence, hear and determine the appeal in the party's absence; or
- (b) adjourn the hearing.

(2) Before deciding to dispose of the appeal in the absence of a party, the tribunal shall consider the party's statement of case and any other documents submitted by him in relation to the appeal.