STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PART III

GRANTS FOR MARKETING

Time limit for prosecutions

28.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in any other statutory provision, proceedings for an offence under this Part may, subject to paragraph (2), be commenced within the period of 6 months from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to his knowledge.

(2) No such proceedings shall be commenced by virtue of this Article more than 3 years after the commission of the offence.

(3) For the purposes of this Article, a certificate signed by or on behalf of the prosecutor and stating the date on which evidence sufficient in his opinion to warrant the proceedings came to his knowledge shall be conclusive evidence of that fact.

(4) A certificate stating that matter and purporting to be so signed shall be deemed to be so signed unless the contrary is proved.