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PART II

TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

Miscellaneous

Remands

35. For Article 47(3) of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (extended period of remand in custody or on bail) there shall be substituted—

"(3) A magistrates' court may remand the accused in custody for a period exceeding 8 days if—

- (a) it has previously remanded him in custody for the same offence; and
- (b) he is before the court,

but only if, after affording the accused and the prosecution an opportunity to make representations, it has set a date on which it expects that it will be possible for the next stage in the proceedings, other than a hearing relating to a further remand in custody or on bail, to take place, and

- (i) for a period ending not later than that date; or
- (ii) for a period of 28 days,

whichever is the lesser.".