

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

S.I. 2004 No. 1500 (N.I. 9)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Part III - Live links in criminal proceedings

Effect of, and rescission of, direction

25. **Article 11** provides that where a direction for a live link has been given, the witness must give all their evidence through a live link, making it clear that any cross-examination of the witness is also to be given by live link, although the court can rescind a direction if it seems to be in the interests of justice.
26. A party may only apply for the direction to be rescinded if there has been a material change in circumstances since the decision was made (for example if problems with the technology arise after a direction has been given).