



Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 47

PART I **U.K.**

APPEAL TO COURT OF APPEAL FROM CROWN COURT

[^{F1} Appeals following references by the CCRC

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 13B and preceding cross-heading inserted (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\), ss. 43, 148, 153\(7\)\(8\)](#) (with [Sch. 27 para. 15](#)); [S.I. 2008/1586, art. 2\(1\)\(3\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 22 (subject to Sch. 2)

13B Power to dismiss certain appeals following references by the CCRC **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies where there is an appeal under this Part following a reference by the Criminal Cases Review Commission under section 10(1)(a), (6) or (7) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1995 or section 1(1) of the Criminal Cases Review (Insanity) Act 1999.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything in section 2, 12 or 13A of this Act, the Court of Appeal may dismiss the appeal if—
 - (a) the only ground for allowing it would be that there has been a development in the law since the date of the conviction, verdict or finding that is the subject of the appeal, and
 - (b) the condition in subsection (3) is met.
- (3) The condition in this subsection is that if—
 - (a) the reference had not been made, but

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- (b) the appellant had made (and had been entitled to make) an application for an extension of time within which to seek leave to appeal on the ground of the development in the law,
- the Court would not think it appropriate to grant the application by exercising the power conferred by section 16(2).]

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 7(3A) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 3\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 7(3A) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 3\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 7(3A) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 3\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 36(3)(b) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 11\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 36(3)(b) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 11\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 36(3)(c) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 11\(3\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
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