

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules govern the practice and procedure to be followed in the criminal courts. They represent the first step in the creation of a new, consolidated criminal procedural code. Part 1 contains the overriding objective of the Rules. Part 2 contains provisions for understanding and applying the Rules. Part 3 contains new rules to facilitate the management of criminal cases by the court in accordance with the overriding objective. The main body of the Rules (Parts 4 to 78) are a consolidation of the existing rules of court, which are for the time being re-enacted without any substantial changes as part of the Criminal Procedure Rules.