
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1490

The Criminal Procedure Rules 2015

PART 20

HEARSAY EVIDENCE

When this Part applies

20.1. This Part applies—

- (a) in a magistrates' court and in the Crown Court;
- (b) where a party wants to introduce hearsay evidence, within the meaning of section 114 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003⁽¹⁾.

[Note. Under section 114 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003, a statement not made in oral evidence is admissible as evidence of any matter stated if—

- (a) a statutory provision makes it admissible;*
- (b) a rule of law preserved by section 118 makes it admissible;*
- (c) the parties agree to it being admissible; or*
- (d) it is in the interests of justice for it to be admissible.*

Under section 115 of the Act—

- (a) a “statement” means any representation of fact or opinion, by any means, and includes a representation in pictorial form; and*
- (b) a “matter stated” is something stated by someone with the apparent purpose of—*
 - (i) causing another person to believe it, or*
 - (ii) causing another person, or a machine, to act or operate on the basis that the matter is as stated.]*