



# Criminal Law Act 1977

## 1977 CHAPTER 45

### PART III

#### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, PENALTIES, ETC.

##### *Allocation of offences to classes as regards mode of trial*

#### 15 Offences which are to become triable only summarily.

(1) The following offences shall be triable only summarily (instead of either way), namely—

- (a) the offences mentioned (and broadly described) in column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Act; . . . <sup>F1</sup>
- (b) . . . . . <sup>F1</sup>

<sup>F2</sup>(2) . . . . .

<sup>F2</sup>(3) . . . . .

(4) The following offences under the <sup>M1</sup>Night Poaching Act 1828 shall be triable only summarily (instead of only on indictment), namely—

- (a) offences under section 2 of that Act (assaults by persons committing offences under the Act);
- (b) offences under section 9 of that Act (entering land, with others, armed and for the purpose of taking or destroying game or rabbits).

(5) Subsections (1) and (4) above are without prejudice to any other enactment by virtue of which any offence is triable only summarily.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Word “and” and s. 15(1)(b) repealed by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 \(c. 43, SIF 82\)](#), [Sch. 9](#)

**F2** [S. 15\(2\)\(3\)](#) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. I Group 1](#)

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1828 c. 69.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F3** Ss. 16, 18–27, 28(1)–(7), 29, 30(4) repealed by Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43, SIF 82), **Sch. 9**

**F4****17** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F4** S. 17 repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. I** Group1

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**Textual Amendments**

**F5** Ss. 16, 18–27, 28(1)–(7), 29, 30(4) repealed by Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43, SIF 82), **Sch. 9**

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

- [Blanket amendment words substituted by S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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

- [s. 38A\(5\)\(ia\) by 2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 55](#)
- [s. 38B\(5\)\(a\) by 2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 56](#)