



Criminal Law Act 1977

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PART III

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, PENALTIES, ETC.

Cross-border enforcement

38 Execution throughout United Kingdom of warrants of arrest

- (1) A warrant issued in Scotland or Northern Ireland for the arrest of a person charged with an offence may be executed in England or Wales by any constable acting within his police area ; and subsection (4) of section 102 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1952 (execution without possession of the warrant) shall apply to the execution in England or Wales of any such warrant.
- (2) A warrant issued in England, Wales or Northern Ireland for the arrest of a person charged with an offence may be executed in Scotland by any constable appointed for a police area in like manner as any such warrant issued in Scotland.
- (3) A warrant issued in England, Wales or Scotland for the arrest of a person charged with an offence may be executed in Northern Ireland by any member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve; and subsections (4) and (5) of section 159 of the Magistrates' Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 (execution without possession of the warrant and execution on Sunday) shall apply to the execution in Northern Ireland of any such warrant.
- (4) A warrant may be executed by virtue of this section whether or not it has been endorsed under section 12, 14 or 15 of the Indictable Offences Act 1848 or under section 27, 28 or 29 of the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act 1851.
- (5) Nothing in this section affects the execution in Scotland or Northern Ireland of a warrant to which section 123 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914 applies.