



# Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 33

### PART III

#### COURSE OF JUSTICE: EVIDENCE, PROCEDURE, ETC.

##### *Corroboration*

### **32 Abolition of corroboration rules.**

- (1) Any requirement whereby at a trial on indictment it is obligatory for the court to give the jury a warning about convicting the accused on the uncorroborated evidence of a person merely because that person is—
  - (a) an alleged accomplice of the accused, or
  - (b) where the offence charged is a sexual offence, the person in respect of whom it is alleged to have been committed,is hereby abrogated.
- (2) In section 34(2) of the <sup>M1</sup>Criminal Justice Act 1988 (abolition of requirement of corroboration warning in respect of evidence of a child) the words from “in relation to” to the end shall be omitted.
- (3) Any requirement that—
  - (a) is applicable at the summary trial of a person for an offence, and
  - (b) corresponds to the requirement mentioned in subsection (1) above or that mentioned in section 34(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988,is hereby abrogated.
- (4) Nothing in this section applies in relation to—
  - (a) any trial, or
  - (b) any proceedings before a magistrates’ court as examining justices,

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which began before the commencement of this section.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** S. 32 explained by 1996 c. 46, s. 6(1)(2); S.I. 1996/2474, art. 2 (with art. 3)

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1988 c. 33.

**33 Abolition of corroboration requirements under Sexual Offences Act 1956.**

(1) The following provisions of the <sup>M2</sup>Sexual Offences Act 1956 (which provide that a person shall not be convicted of the offence concerned on the evidence of one witness only unless the witness is corroborated) are hereby repealed—

- (a) section 2(2) (procurement of woman by threats),
- (b) section 3(2) (procurement of woman by false pretences),
- (c) section 4(2) (administering drugs to obtain or facilitate intercourse),
- (d) section 22(2) (causing prostitution of women), and
- (e) section 23(2) (procurement of girl under twenty-one).

(2) Nothing in this section applies in relation to—

- (a) any trial, or
- (b) any proceedings before a magistrates' court as examining justices,

which began before the commencement of this section.

**Marginal Citations**

**M2** 1956 c. 69.

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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. 51(10)(a)(ia) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 11\(3\)](#)