

**1999 No. 1197 (C. 34)**

**MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

**The Magistrates' Courts (Procedure) Act 1998  
(Commencement No. 2) Order 1999**

Made - - - -

20th April 1999

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5(2) and (3)(b) of the Magistrates' Courts (Procedure) Act 1998<sup>(a)</sup>, hereby makes the following Order:

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts (Procedure) Act 1998 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1999, and in this Order "the Act" means the Magistrates' Courts (Procedure) Act 1998.

**2.** Subject to article 3 of this Order, section 1 of the Act shall come into force on 4th May 1999.

**3.** Section 1 of the Act shall apply in any case where a summons was issued on or after 4th May 1999, and section 12 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980<sup>(b)</sup> shall apply to any case where the summons was issued before that date as if the Act had not been passed.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

*G.W. Hoon*  
Minister of State,  
Lord Chancellor's Department

Dated 20th April 1999

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1998 c. 15.

<sup>(b)</sup> 1980 c. 43; section 12 was substituted by Schedule 5 to the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c. 33).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force section 1 of the Magistrates' Courts (Procedure) Act 1998 on 4th May 1999. Section 5 of that Act came into force on Royal Assent; sections 2, 3 and 4 were brought into force on 1st September 1998 by the Magistrates' Courts (Procedure) Act 1998 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1998(a).

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(a) S.I. 1998/1837 (C. 38).

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