

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICIARY

PRACTICE NOTE

No. 1 of 2015

Appeals

The form, content and intimation requirements for all documents associated with appeals against conviction and/or sentence are set down in the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 ("the Act") and the Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules) 1996 SI 1996/513 ("the Rules"). Notwithstanding this, there is inconsistent compliance with these requirements. This Practice Note is to remind practitioners that all forms lodged must comply with the Act and with Chapters 15 and 19 of the Rules.

The Act does not expressly permit the lodging of additional material in advance of the second sift. Notwithstanding that, a practice has developed of such material being lodged. While the Court will continue to accept this material, agents should note that all such material must be intimated to the Crown. Any material not so intimated will not be considered by the court at the second sift stage.

Brian Gill

Lord Justice General

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