STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

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Laid before Parliament	*28th October 2024*
Coming into force	*18th November 2024*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 14A(1) of Schedule 23 to the Sentencing Act 2020(**a**).

Citation, extent and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

(3) These Regulations come into force on 18th November 2024.

Amendment of section 224(1A)(b) of the Sentencing Act 2020

2. In section 224(1A)(b) of the Sentencing Act 2020(**b**) for "6 months" substitute "12 months".

Heidi Alexander
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

24th October 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 224 of the Sentencing Act 2020 (c. 17) specifies the general limit on a magistrates' court's power to impose imprisonment or detention in a young offender institution in respect of one offence. Section 224(1A)(b) provides for the "applicable limit" that may be imposed in respect of

(**a**) 2020 c. 17. Paragraph 14A of Schedule 23 was inserted by section 13(2) of the Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (c. 35).
(**b**) 2020 c. 17. Section 224(1A) was inserted by section 13(1)(b) of the Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022.

triable either way offences. Paragraph 14A of Schedule 23 to that Act gives the Secretary of State powers to alter that applicable limit in specified ways, by Regulations.

Regulation 2 increases the applicable limit for a triable either way offence to one of 12 months from 6 months.

A full impact assessment has been produced in respect of these Regulations and is available on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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