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Practice direction under the Courts (Constitution and Jurisdiction Ordinance 2007)

**IN THE SENIOR JUDGE'S COURT OF THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS OF
AKROTIRI AND DHEKELIA**

**DIRECTIONS BY THE PRESIDING SENIOR JUDGE:
DISTRIBUTION OF WORK**

1. In all cases, whether brought on information or not, the Judge's Court will take the plea of any defendant brought before it.
2. In the event of a plea of not guilty where the maximum sentence permitted by Ordinance is five years or greater (other than where the prosecutor decides not to proceed, or the matter is not going to be the subject of a trial), the Senior Registrar must seek the directions of the Presiding Senior Judge to determine the Trial Judge and any other directions except in the following cases:
 - i. Theft to a value of no greater than £500 or €750.
 - ii. Simple possession of cannabis or cannabis resin no greater than 1 gram.
3. In the event of a plea of guilty where the maximum sentence permitted by Ordinance is five years or greater, and the Judge of the Judge's Court considers that the case may warrant a sentence in excess of five years, the Senior Registrar must seek the directions of the Presiding Senior Judge so that he may consider whether the case should be heard by a Senior Judge.

Jonathan Teare
Presiding Senior Judge

25th July 2007