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PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER I APPLICATION OF THE CODE

Article 1 Criminal proceedings

may not be initiated and

punishment may not be

imposed other than in

conformity with the

procedure specified in

this Code or in other

laws.

Crimes committed by

military personnel in

active service, except

those military offenses

subject to court-martial,

shall be prosecuted and

punished in accordance
with this Code.

Where the criminal
proceedings of a case
were conducted
pursuant to special laws
owing to limitation of time
or region and no final
judgment has yet been
rendered thereon, upon
elimination of said
limitation, the case shall
be prosecuted and
punished in accordance
with this Code.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 2

A public official who
conducts proceedings in
a criminal case shall give
equal attention to
circumstances both
favorable and
unfavorable to an
accused.

An accused may request
the public official
specified in the
preceding paragraph to
take necessary
measures favorable to
the accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 3

The term "party" as used in this Code refers to a public prosecutor, a private prosecutor, or an accused.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER II JURISDICTION OF COURTS

Article 4

The district court has the jurisdiction over the first instance of a criminal case, provided that the high court has the jurisdiction over the first instance of the following cases:

(1) An offense against
the internal security of
the State;

(2) An offense against
the external security of
the State;

(3) An offense of
interference with
relations with other
States.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 5

A court of the place
where an offense is
committed or where an
accused is domiciled,

resides, or is located

shall have jurisdiction

over the case.

If an offense is

committed on a vessel or

an aircraft of the

Republic of China

outside the territory of

the Republic of China,

the court of the place

where the vessel is

registered or from which

the aircraft departed or

landed after the

commission of the

offense shall also have

jurisdiction.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 6

If related cases are
subject to the jurisdiction
of several courts of the
same level, one of such
courts may combine
them and take
jurisdiction over the
cases.

The cases specified in
the preceding paragraph
which are pending in
several courts may, by
mutual consent of such
courts, be transferred by
a ruling to one of such
courts to be tried

together; if there are
disagreements, a ruling
by the court immediate
superior to all such
courts shall determine
jurisdiction.

Related cases that are
subject to the jurisdiction
of several courts of
different levels may be
combined and
jurisdiction taken by the
highest of such courts;
related cases pending in
lower courts may, by a
ruling of the higher court,
be transferred to it to be
tried together, provided
that the cases specified

in Item 3 of Article 7 are
not subject to the
provisions of this
paragraph.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 7

If one of the following
circumstances exists, the
cases are considered to
be related:

(1) One person commits
several offenses;

(2) Several persons
jointly commit one or
several offenses;

(3) Several persons

separately commit

offenses at the same

time and place;

(4) The commission of

concealment of

offenders, destruction of

evidence, perjury, or

receipt of stolen property

is related to the instant

offense.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 8

If the same case is

pending in several courts

which have jurisdiction,

the court in which the

case was first pending
shall try it, provided that
by a ruling of a court
immediately superior to
all such courts the case
may be tried by a court in
which it was pending
later in time.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 9

The immediately
superior court shall, by a
ruling, determine the
court to take jurisdiction
in one of the following
circumstances:

(1) Several courts

dispute jurisdiction;

(2) A court which has

jurisdiction is,

determined by a final

judgment, lack of

jurisdiction, and there is

no other court which can

exercise jurisdiction over

the case;

(3) Uncertain judicial

district boundaries make

it impossible to

determine which court

has jurisdiction.

If jurisdiction cannot be

determined by applying

the provisions of the

preceding paragraph or

Article 5, the Supreme
Court shall, by a ruling,
determine the court to
take jurisdiction.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 10 In one of the following
circumstances, the
immediate superior court
shall, by a ruling, order
the transfer of a case to
another court within its
judicial district and of the
same level as the
original court:

(1) The court which has

jurisdiction is unable to
exercise its judicial
power because of law or
fact;

(2) Due to special
circumstances, it is
considered that a trial by
a court that has
jurisdiction will probably
lead to the disturbance of
public peace or
unfairness.

Where the immediate
superior court is unable
to exercise its judicial
power, the aforesaid
ruling shall be made by
the immediate higher
court.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 11 A motion by a party to
determine or transfer
jurisdiction shall be in
writing, set forth the
reasons therefore, and
be filed with a proper
court.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 12 Proceedings shall not be
void because of a court's
lack of jurisdiction.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 13 A court may exercise its
functions outside its
judicial district if it is
necessary to discover
facts or in time of
emergency.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 14 A court shall, in time of
emergency, take
necessary measures
within its judicial district

notwithstanding that it
has no jurisdiction.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 15	The cases specified in Article 6 may be jointly investigated or prosecuted by one public prosecutor; if another public prosecutor who is concerned disagrees, the chief public prosecutor of the immediate superior public prosecutors' office or the public prosecutor
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general shall issue an
order.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 16 The provisions of Article
13 and 14 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to a
public prosecutor in an
investigation.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER III DISQUALIFICATION OF
COURT OFFICERS

Article 17 In one of the following

circumstances, a judge shall disqualify himself from the case concerned on his own motion and may not exercise his functions:

(1) The judge is the victim;

(2) The judge is or was the spouse, blood relative within the eighth degree of kinship, relative by marriage within the fifth degree of relationship, family head, or family member of the accused or victim;

(3) The judge has been betrothed to the accused

or victim;

(4) The judge is or was
the statutory agent of the
accused or victim;

(5) The judge has acted
as the agent, defense
attorney, or assistant of
the accused or as the
agent or assistant of the
private prosecutor or a
party in the
supplementary civil
action;

(6) The judge has acted
as the complainant,
informer, witness or
expert witness;

(7) The judge has
exercised the functions

of the public prosecutor

or judicial police officer;

(8) The judge has

participated in the

decision at a previous

trial.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 18

A party may motion to

disqualify a judge in one

of the following

circumstances:

(1) Circumstances

specified in the

preceding article exist

and the judge has not

disqualified himself from
the case concerned on
his own motion;

(2) Circumstances other
than those specified in
the preceding article
exist which are sufficient
to justify the
apprehension that the
judge may be prejudiced
in the exercise of his
functions.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 19

A party may, at any
stage of the

proceedings, motion to
disqualify a judge in the
circumstances specified
in Item 1 of the
preceding article.

A party who has already
made an explanation or
a statement of his case
may not subsequently
make a motion to
disqualify a judge as
provided in Item 2 of the
preceding article,
provided that if the
reasons for such motion
occur or are discovered
thereafter, this limitation
shall not apply.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 20

A motion to disqualify a
judge shall be in writing,
set forth the reasons
therefore, and be filed
with the court to which
the judge belongs,
provided that such
motion may be made
verbally on the trial date
or during examination.
Reasons for the motion
to disqualify a judge and
facts required by the
proviso of the second
section of the preceding

article shall be set forth
and explained.

A judge for whose
disqualification a motion
is made may file a
written opinion.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 21

A motion to disqualify a
judge shall be
determined by a ruling of
a panel of judges of the
court to which the judge
belongs; if a quorum of
the panel is not present,
the ruling shall be made

by the president of the
court; if it is impossible
for the president to make
the ruling, the court
which is immediate
superior to such court
shall make it.

A judge for whose
disqualification a motion
is made shall not
participate in the ruling
specified in the
preceding section.

If a judge for whose
disqualification a motion
is made considers that
such motion is
well-grounded, he shall
thereupon disqualify

himself without making a
ruling.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 22

If a motion is made for
the disqualification of a
judge, the proceedings
shall be suspended
except for emergency
measures or in the case
where the motion is
based upon Item 2 of
Article 18.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 23

If a motion to disqualify a judge is dismissed by a ruling, an interlocutory appeal may be made.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 24

A court or its president concerned with a motion to disqualify a judge shall muto proprio make a ruling requiring such disqualification if it is considered that reasons exist which require the judge to disqualify

himself on his own

motion.

The ruling specified in

the preceding section

need not be served.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 25

The provisions of this

chapter relating to the

disqualification of a

judge shall apply mutatis

mutandis to a court clerk

or interpreter, provided

that the previous service

as a clerk or interpreter

in a lower court shall not

be a reason for the
disqualification.

The disqualification of a
court clerk or interpreter
shall be determined by a
ruling of the president of
the court to which he is
attached.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 26	The provisions of Articles 17 through 20 and Article 24 concerning the disqualification of a judge shall apply mutatis mutandis to a public
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prosecutor or a clerk
attached to the public
prosecutors' office,
provided that previous
service as a public
prosecutor, clerk, or
interpreter in a lower
court shall not be a
reason for the
disqualification.

A motion to disqualify a
public prosecutor or
clerk, which is specified
in the preceding section,
shall be made to the
chief public prosecutor or
public prosecutor
general concerned for
appraisal and decision.

A motion to disqualify a
chief public prosecutor
shall be made to the
chief public prosecutor of
the immediately superior
public prosecutors' office
or public prosecutor
general for appraisal and
decision; the same rule
shall apply if there is only
one public prosecutor.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER IV DEFENSE ATTORNEYS,
ASSISTANTS, AND AGENTS

Article 27 An accused may at any

time retain defense

attorneys. The same rule

shall apply to a suspect

being interrogated by

judicial police officers or

judicial policemen.

A statutory agent,

spouse, lineal blood

relative, collateral blood

relative within the third

degree of kinship, family

head, or family member

may independently retain

defense attorneys for the

accused or suspect.

In case an accused or a

suspect is unable to

make a complete

statement due to

unsound mind, the
persons listed in the
preceding section shall
be notified of the same,
provided that the said
notification is not
required if it can not be
made practically.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 28

An accused may not
retain more than three
defense attorneys.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 29

A defense attorney shall
be a lawyer, provided
that if permission is
obtained from the
presiding judge at trial, a
person who is not a
lawyer may be retained
as a defense attorney.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 30

The retention of a
defense attorney shall be
in the form of a power of
attorney.

The power of attorney for

the retention of a
defense attorney
specified in the
preceding section shall
be submitted to the
public prosecutor or
judicial police officer
before initiation of
prosecution or to the
courts of different levels
thereafter.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 31

In cases where the
minimum punishment is
no less than three years

imprisonment, where a
high court has
jurisdiction over the first
instance, or where the
accused is unable to
make a complete
statement due to
unsound mind, the
presiding judge shall
appoint a public
defender or a lawyer to
defend the accused if no
defense attorney has
been retained; in other
cases, if no defense
attorney has been
retained by an accused
with low income and a
request for appointing

one has been submitted,
or if it is considered
necessary, the same rule
shall apply.

If in the case specified in
the preceding section a
retained defense
attorney fails to appear
without good reason on
the trial date, the
presiding judge may
appoint a public
defender.

One public defender may
be appointed to defend
several defendants
unless their interests
conflict.

After a public defender

has been appointed,
such appointment may
be cancelled upon the
retention of a lawyer as a
defense attorney.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 32

If an accused has
several defense
attorneys, documents
shall be served upon
them separately.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 33

A defense attorney may
examine the case file
and exhibits and make
copies or photographs
thereof.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 34

A defense attorney may
interview and correspond
with a suspect or an
accused under
detention, provided that
if facts exist sufficient to
justify an apprehension
that such defense
attorney may destroy,

fabricate, or alter
evidence or form a
conspiracy with a
co-offender or witness,
such interviews or
correspondence may be
limited.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 35	A spouse, lineal blood relative, collateral blood relative within the third degree of kinship, family head, or family member of an accused or private prosecutor or a statutory
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agent of an accused
may, after initiation of
prosecution, apply to the
court in writing, or
verbally on the trial date,
for permission to act as
the assistant of the
accused or private
prosecutor.

The assistant may take
actions provided in this
code, and may state his
opinion in court not
inconsistent with the
expressed opinion of the
accused or the private
prosecutor.

In cases an accused or a
suspect is unable to

make a complete
statement due to
unsound mind, he shall
be accompanied by one
of the qualified assistant,
under the first section of
this article, or his
authorized agent, or a
social worker appointed
by a governmental
agency in charge
thereof; provided that if,
upon being properly
served, the persons who
shall accompany the
accused or suspect fail
to appear without good
reason, the provision of
this section shall not

apply.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 36

In cases where

maximum punishment is

detention or a fine only,

an accused may, at trial

or in the investigation,

authorize an agent to

appear before the court

or public prosecutor,

provided that if the court

or public prosecutor

considers it necessary,

the accused may be

ordered to appear in

person.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 37

A private prosecutor
shall authorize an agent
to appear before the
court by a power of
attorney, provided that if
the court considers it
necessary, the private
prosecutor may be
ordered to appear in
person.

The agent referred to in
the preceding section
shall be a lawyer.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 38 The provisions of Articles
28, 30, 32, 33 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to an
agent of an accused or
private prosecutor, and
the provision of Article 29
shall also apply to an
agent of an accused
mutatis mutandis.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER V DOCUMENTS

Article 39

A document prepared by a public official shall bear the date and name of the public office concerned and the signature of the official preparing it.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 40

A document prepared by a public official may not be changed by erasing, cutting out, or pasting over; if a character is added, crossed out, or appended, a seal must be affixed and the

number of characters
recorded; a trace must
remain of a character
crossed out so that it is
recognizable.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 41

In examining an accused
a private prosecutor,
witness, expert witness,
or interpreter, records
shall be made, then and
there, of the following
matters:

(1) The questions asked
of the person examined

and his statements;

(2) The reason a

witness, expert witness,

or interpreter does not

sign an affidavit to tell

the truth;

(3) The date and place of

examination.

The records specified in

the preceding section

shall be read aloud to the

person examined or he

shall be permitted to

read them; he shall then

be asked whether there

are mistakes.

If the person examined

requests an addition, a

crossing out, or a

change, his statement
shall be added to the
records.

The person examined
shall be ordered to affix
his signature, seal, or
fingerprint on the records
immediately following the
last line.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 42

Records shall be made
of a search, seizure, or
inspection recording
date, time, place, and
other necessary facts.

Things seized shall be
enumerated in detail in
the records, or a
separate inventory shall
be appended.

A drawing or photograph
may be made in an
inspection and appended
to the records.

Persons ordered by this
Code to be present shall
be ordered to affix his
signature, seal, or
fingerprint on records.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 43

The records referred to
in the preceding two
articles shall be prepared
by a clerk who is
present; the public
official who asks
questions or conducts
the search, seizure, or
inspection shall affix his
signature on the records;
in the absence of a clerk,
the public official who
asks questions or
conducts the search,
seizure, or inspection
may either personally
prepare the records, or
appoint another on duty
public official who is

present to do it.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 43-1 The provisions of Article
41 and Article 42 shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to a public prosecuting
affairs official, a judicial
police officer, and a
judicial policeman in
conducting interrogation,
search and seizure.
The interrogation records
of a suspect as referred
to in the preceding
section shall be prepared

by a person other than
the one conducting the
interrogation; provided
that if the said can not be
followed due to
emergency or practical
difficulty and if the
proceeding has been
audio or video recorded,
it shall not be subject to
the provision of the
preceding paragraph.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 44

On the trial date, trial
records shall be

prepared by a clerk,
which shall include the
following items and the
entire proceedings:

- (1) The court and the
date of trial;
- (2) The title and full
name of the judge, public
prosecutor and clerk and
the full name of the
private prosecutor,
accused, agent, defense
attorney, assistant, and
interpreter;
- (3) The reason for the
nonappearance of the
accused;
- (4) The reason for in
camera proceedings;

(5) The principal points
of the opening
statements made by the
public prosecutor or
private prosecutor;

(6) The principal points
of the arguments;

(7) The matter specified
in Items 1 and 2 of
Section I of Article 41.

However, the presiding
judge may, after
consulting the persons
concerned, order the
inclusion of the principal
point only if the judge
deems proper;

(8) The document read
or explained in principle

points to the accused in

open court;

(9) The exhibit shown to

the accused in open

court;

(10) The seizure or

inspection made in open

court;

(11) The items recorded

by the presiding judge's

order and upon motion of

the parties concerned

with the approval of the

presiding judge;

(12) The opportunity of

making the final

statement of the

accused;

(13) The decision

pronounced.

A person examined may request that parts of the record specified in the preceding section related to his statement be read aloud or that he be permitted to read it; if he requests an addition, crossing out, or alteration, his statements shall be recorded.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 44-1

The entire proceeding on the trial date shall be

recorded in audio, and if
necessary, in video.

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If parties, agent, defense
attorney, or assistant has
suspicion about mistakes
or missing in trial
records, he may make a
motion prior to the next
court session, or within
seven days thereafter in
the case the court
argument has been
completed, to request
the playing of the audio
or video records for the
purpose of comparing
and correcting the
contents thereof. With
the court's approval, the

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persons named in the preceding sentence may within the time period specified by the court, reduce the contents of the examination of the accused, private prosecutor, witness, expert witness, or interpreter and their statements to writing, based on the contents of the audio or video records recorded at the trial date, and present them to the court.

The contents of the documents specified in the last sentence of the

preceding section, after
affirmed by the clerk and
deemed to be proper,
may be made an
appendix to the trial
records. In such a case,
the provision of Article 48
shall apply mutatis
mutandis to it.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 45	Trial records shall be put in proper order within three days after each session.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 46 Trial records shall be

signed by the presiding

judge; if the presiding

judge is unavailable, the

records shall be signed

by the senior associate

judge; if the single judge

who tried the case is

unavailable, the records

shall be signed by the

clerk; if the clerk is

unavailable, the records

shall be signed by the

presiding judge or other

judges; the reason for

the aforesaid

unavailability shall be

noted respectively.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 47

Trial records shall be the

exclusive proof of the

proceedings of the trial.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 48

If trial records

incorporate a document

as a part thereof or refer

to it as appended

thereto, matters

recorded in such

document have the

same validity as the trial

records.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 49

With the permission of

the presiding judge, a

defense attorney may

bring a stenographer to

the court on the trial

date.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 50

A decision shall be made in writing by a judge, but a ruling pronounced in open court from which an interlocutory appeal may not be taken may be recorded only in the records.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 51

A written decision, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall give the full name, sex, age, occupation,

and domicile or
residence of the person
tried; if the written
decision is in the form of
a judgment, the name of
the public prosecutor or
private prosecutor,
agent, and defense
attorney shall be
recorded.

The original of a written
decision shall be signed
by the trial judges; if the
presiding judge is
unavailable and unable
to sign, the senior
associate judge shall
make a note of the
reason; if a judge is

unavailable, the
presiding judge shall
make a note of the
reason.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 52	A true copy of a written decision or the records containing such decision shall be made from the original by the clerk with the seal of the court and the following words thereon: "It is certified that this is an exact copy of the original."
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The provisions of the preceding section shall apply mutatis mutandis to an indictment or a written ruling not to prosecute by a public prosecutor.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 53

A written document made by a person, other than a public official, shall be dated and signed; where it is not made by such person himself, he shall affix his

signature thereon; where
he cannot sign his name,
he shall have someone
else print his name for
him and then affix his
seal or fingerprint on the
document, provided that
the person printing his
name for him shall
indicate the reason
thereof and sign his own
name.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 54

Case documents which
the court should

preserve shall be filed by
the clerk.

Disposition of case
involving loss of court
files shall be separately
prescribed by law.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER VI SERVICE

Article 55 An accused, private
prosecutor, complainant,
party to a supplementary
civil action, agent,
defense attorney,
assistant, or victim of the
case, shall, for the

purpose of service, give
his domicile, residence
or office address to the
court or public
prosecutor; in case the
victim died, the same
shall be done by his
spouse, children, or
parents; if he has no
domicile, residence or
office address within the
judicial district of the
court, a person having a
residence or office within
such district shall be
delegated to receive
service for him.

The addresses specified
in the preceding section

shall be valid for courts
of all levels in the same
district.

Service on the person
delegated shall be
considered to be service
on the principal.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 56

The provisions of the
preceding article shall
not apply to a person in
prison or detention
house.

If a person to be served
is in a prison or detention

house, the service shall
be entrusted to the
officer in charge of such
prison or detention
house.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 57

If an address has not
been given as provided
in article 55, service may
nevertheless be made at
the domicile, residence,
or office address of a
person if it is known to
the clerk; a document
may also be served at

such address by

registered mail.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 58

The public prosecutor to

be served shall be the

public prosecutor in

charge of the case

concerned. When such

public prosecutor is not

in the office, service shall

be made on the chief

public prosecutor.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 59

Service may be made on

an accused, private

prosecutor, complainant,

or party to a

supplementary civil

action by publication

under one of the

following circumstances:

(1) The domicile,

residence, office, and

location are unknown;

(2) Service is made by

registered mail, but such

mail cannot be delivered;

(3) Residence is in a

place outside the

jurisdiction, and no other

method of service can be
found.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 60	Service by publication shall be executed by a clerk with the permission of the court, public prosecutor general, chief public prosecutor, or public prosecutor. In addition to posting a document to be served or its abbreviated copy on the bulletin board of the court, the clerk shall
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publish it in a newspaper

or give notification or

publish it by other

appropriate methods.

The service by

publication specified in

the preceding section

shall be effective thirty

days after the last

publication in a

newspaper, posting, or

notification.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 61

A document shall be

served by a judicial

policeman, or through

the post office.

If the document

aforesaid is a judgment,

ruling, decision not to

prosecute, or decision to

defer the prosecution,

the person making

service thereof shall

prepare a certificate of

acceptance listing

therein particulars of a

certificate of service and

sign his name thereon

before giving it to the

acceptor.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 62

Unless otherwise

provided by special

provisions in this

Chapter, the provisions

of the Code of Civil

Procedure shall apply

mutatis mutandis to the

service of a document.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER VII DATES AND PERIODS

Article 63

If a hearing date has

been designated by a

presiding judge,

commissioned judge,

requisitioned judge, or
public prosecutor for the
commencement of legal
proceedings, the
persons concerned shall
be summoned or notified
to appear, provided that
this rule shall not apply if
the persons concerned
are present, or it is
otherwise provided by
special provisions in this
Code.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 64

A fixed date shall not be

changed or postponed

unless there is an

important reason or

otherwise provided by

special provisions.

If a hearing date is

changed or postponed,

the persons concerned

shall be informed.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 65

The calculation of

periods shall be

according to the

provisions of the Civil

Code.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 66

Time occupied in travel
shall not be counted
against a person who is
required to perform
procedural acts within a
period prescribed by law
whose domicile,
residence or office is not
within the judicial district
of the court.

The time not counted as
specified in the
preceding section shall
be determined by the

highest judicial

administrative agency.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 67

A person who without

negligence fails to file

within the prescribed

time an appeal,

interlocutory appeal,

motion for retrial, motion

for dismissal or change

of a ruling made by a

presiding judge,

commissioned judge,

requisitioned judge or of

an order made by a

public prosecutor may
motion for restoration of
original condition within
five days after the
disappearance of the
reason.

In a case in which an
agent is permitted,
negligence of the agent
shall be considered to be
negligence of the
principal.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 68

A person who fails within
the prescribed time to file

an appeal, interlocutory
appeal, or motion for
retrial and who motions
for restoration of original
condition shall submit a
motion in writing to the
original court. A person
who fails within the
prescribed time to file a
motion for dismissal or
change of a ruling made
by a presiding judge,
commissioned judge, or
requisitioned judge, or of
an order made by a
public prosecutor shall
make such motion to a
court having jurisdiction.

The reason for failure

without negligence to
comply with the time limit
and the date of its
disappearance shall be
stated in the written
motion.

If a motion for restoration
of original condition is
made, all necessary
procedural acts which
should have been
performed within the
lapsed period shall be
made up at the time of
the motion.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 69

The court to which a motion is made shall make a joint decision both on the motion for restoration of original condition and the supplementary procedural acts. If the original court considers that the motion should be approved, the appeal or interlocutory appeal shall be forwarded by the original court with a written opinion to the higher court for a joint decision.

The court to which a motion is made may

suspend the execution of
the original decision
before passing upon
such motion.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 70 If a motion for review of a
decision not to prosecute
is not filed within the
prescribed period of
time, the original public
prosecutor may grant
restoration of original
condition in accordance
with the provisions of the
preceding three articles,

mutatis mutandis.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER VIII SUMMONS AND ARREST
OF ACCUSED

Article 71 A summons shall be

issued for the

appearance of an

accused.

A summons shall contain

the following matters:

(1) Full name, sex, age,

native place and

domicile or residence of

the accused;

(2) Offense charged;

(3) Date, time, and place

for appearance;

(4) That a warrant of

arrest may be ordered if

there is a failure to

appear without good

reason.

If the name of an

accused is unknown or

other circumstances

make it necessary,

special identifying marks

or characteristics must

be included; if the age,

native place, domicile or

residence of an accused

is unknown, it does not

need to be included.

A summons shall be

signed by a public
prosecutor during the
stage of investigation or
by a presiding or
commissioned judge
during the stage of trial.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 71-1 A judicial police officer or
judicial policeman, for
the necessity of
investigating a suspect's
involvement in a crime
and collecting relevant
evidence, may call by a
notice the suspect to

appear for interrogation.

If the suspect, without

good reason, fails to

appear after a notice has

been legally served, the

public prosecutor may be

sought to issue an arrest

warrant.

The notice specified in

the preceding section

shall be signed by the

head of the judicial police

office. Item 1 through

Item 3 of section II of the

preceding Article shall

apply mutatis mutandis

to the matters to be

stipulated in the notice.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 72

The fact that an accused
has appeared and is
personally informed of
the date, time, and place
for his next appearance
and that an arrest
warrant may be ordered
if he fails to appear, all of
which is made a matter
of record, shall have the
same effect as the
service of a summons.

The same rule shall
apply if an accused
states in writing that he

will appear at the
appointed time.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 73	If an accused who is to be summoned is in a prison or detention house, the officer in charge of such prison or detention house shall be notified thereof.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 74	An accused who
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appears when
summoned shall be
examined at the
scheduled time unless
there are circumstances
which make such
examination impossible.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 75	An accused, who without good reason fails to appear after he has been legally summoned, may be arrested with a warrant.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 76

If an accused is strongly
suspected of having
committed an offense,
and if one of the
following circumstances
exists, he may be
arrested with a warrant
without first being served
with a summons:

(1) He has no fixed
domicile or residence;

(2) He has absconded or
there are facts sufficient
to justify an
apprehension that he

may abscond;

(3) There are facts

sufficient to justify an

apprehension that he

may destroy, forge, or

alter evidence, or

conspire with a

co-offender or witness;

(4) He has committed an

offense punishable with

death penalty or life

imprisonment, or with a

minimum punishment of

imprisonment for no less

than five years.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 77

An arrest warrant is required to execute the arrest of an accused.

An arrest warrant shall contain the following matters:

(1) Full name, sex, age, native place, and domicile or residence of the accused. If the age, native place, domicile or residence is unknown, it does not need to be included;

(2) Offense charged;

(3) Reason for the arrest;

(4) Place to which the accused is to be taken.

The provisions of

sections III and IV of
Article 71 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to an
arrest warrant.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 78

An arrest warrant shall
be executed by a judicial
policeman or judicial
police officer, and the
period for making such
an arrest may be
prescribed.

Several copies of an
arrest warrant may be
issued and given to

several persons for
execution.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 79	An arrest warrant shall consist of two slips, and in making an arrest one slip thereof shall be handed to the accused or members of his family.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 80	After an arrest with a warrant is made, the
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place, date, and time of
execution shall be noted
on such warrant; if no
arrest can be made, the
reason therefor shall be
noted, and the warrant
shall be signed by the
person who executed the
arrest warrant and
forwarded to the public
official who ordered the
arrest.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 81

If it is necessary, a
judicial policeman or

judicial police officer may
make an arrest with a
warrant outside his
judicial district or request
a judicial police officer of
that place to make the
arrest.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 82	A presiding judge or public prosecutor may specify the matters which should be contained in a warrant and request the public prosecutor of a place
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where the accused may
be found to make an
arrest with a warrant; if
the accused is not at
such place, the
requisitioned public
prosecutor of such place
may in turn entrust the
matter to the public
prosecutor of the place
where the accused may
be found.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 83

If the accused is in active
service in the military, his

arrest shall be executed
by informing his superior
officer of the warrant and
requesting the officer's
assistance in executing
it.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 84

If an accused has
absconded or is in
hiding, a circular order
may be issued for his
arrest.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 85

A circular order for the
arrest of an accused
must be in writing.

A circular order shall
contain the following
matters:

(1) Full name, sex, native

place, domicile or

residence, and other

identifying marks or

characteristics of the

accused. If the age,

native place, domicile or

residence is unknown, it

needs not be included;

(2) Facts charged;

(3) Reason for the

circular order;

(4) Date, time, and place

of the commission of the

offense unless unknown;

(5) Place to which the

accused is to be taken;

A circular order for the

arrest of an accused

shall be signed by the

public prosecutor

general or the chief

public prosecutor during

the stage of investigation

and by the president of a

court during the stage of

the trial.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 86

Public prosecutors and
judicial police officers of
neighboring or other
judicial districts shall be
informed of the issuance
of a circular order; if it is
necessary, the order
may be published in a
newspaper or via other
mediums.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 87

After notice has been
given of the issuance of
a circular order or it has

been published, a public prosecutor or judicial police officer may arrest the accused with or without a warrant.

An interested party may arrest an accused designated in a circular order to arrest and turn him over to the public prosecutor or judicial police officer or request the public prosecutor or judicial police officer to arrest him.

When the reason for the issuance of a circular order to arrest no longer exists or a circular order

to arrest is apparently
unnecessary, the order
shall be canceled
immediately.

Provisions of the
preceding Article shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to the notification or
publication of the
cancellation of a circular
order to arrest.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 88

A person in flagrante
delicto may be arrested
without a warrant by any

person.

A person in flagrante delicto is a person who is discovered in the act of committing an offense or immediately thereafter.

A person is considered to be in flagrante delicto under one of the following circumstances:

(1) He is pursued with cries that he is an offender;

(2) He is found in possession of a weapon, stolen property, or other items sufficient to warrant a suspicion that he is an offender or his

body, clothes and the
like show traces of the
commission of an
offense sufficient to
warrant such suspicion.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 88-1

In investigating an
offense when one of the
following circumstances
exists and it is exigent, a
public prosecutor,
judicial officer, or judicial
policeman may arrest
without a warrant:

(1) The person who is

implicated to be a
co-offender by one in
flagrante delicto and
there are facts sufficient
to warrant the strong
implication;

(2) The person who has
escaped from the
execution of punishment
or from detention;

(3) The person who is
strongly suspected of
having committed an
offense by facts
sufficient in themselves
and runs away when
being interrogated,
provided that this rule
shall not apply if the

offense committed is
obviously punishable
with maximum
punishment of
imprisonment for not
more than one year, or
detention, or sole fine;

(4) The person who is
strongly suspected of
having committed an
offense punishable with
death penalty or life
imprisonment, or with
minimum punishment of
imprisonment for not less
than five years, and
there are facts sufficient
to justify an
apprehension that he

may abscond.

The arrest specified in the preceding section, when executed by a public prosecutor in person, may be made without a warrant. If the arrest is executed by a police officer or judicial policeman, it may be made without a warrant only when the circumstance is too urgent to report to a public prosecutor; an application for the issuance of an arrest warrant shall be made to a public prosecutor

immediately after the
arrest. If the public
prosecutor rejects to
issue a warrant, the
arrestee shall be
released immediately.

The provisions of Article
130 and section I of
Article 131 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to the
section I hereof, provide
that the public
prosecutor should be
reported immediately.

A public prosecutor,
judicial officer or judicial
policeman, who arrests a
suspect in accordance
with the procedure as

stipulated in section I
hereof, shall notify the
arrestee and his family
member immediately
that a defense attorney
may be retained to be
present.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 89 In executing an arrest
with or without a warrant,
due care shall be taken
of the person and
reputation of the
accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 90 If an accused resists the

arrest made with or

without a warrant or if he

escapes, he may be

arrested by force with or

without a warrant, but

such force may not be

excessive.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 91 If an accused is arrested

with a warrant or

because of a circular

order to arrest without a
warrant, he shall be
brought immediately to
the place designated; if
such a place cannot be
reached within twenty
four hours, the arrestee
shall be brought to the
nearest court or public
prosecutor's office,
depending on whether
the arrest warrant or
circular order to arrest
was ordered by the
former or the latter, for
examination to
determine whether there
has been mistakes as to
his identity.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 92

When a person who has
no authority to
investigate an offense
arrests without a warrant
a person in flagrante
delicto, he shall
immediately hand the
arrestee over to a public
prosecutor, judicial
police officer, or judicial
policeman.

A judicial police officer or
judicial policeman who
arrests without a warrant

or receives a person in
flagrante delicto shall
immediately send the
arrestee to a public
prosecutor. If the offense
committed is punishable
with maximum
punishment of
imprisonment for no
more than one year, or
detention, or sole fine, or
if the offense committed
is one that prosecution
may be instituted only
upon complaint or
request and that the time
period to initiate such
complaint or request has
lapsed, then with the

public prosecutor's
approval, the arrestee
needs not be sent to a
public prosecutor.

A person who arrests
without a warrant a
person in flagrante
delicto as specified in
section I shall be
questioned concerning
his full name, domicile or
residence, and the
reasons for the arrest.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 93

An accused or a suspect

who is arrested with or
without a warrant shall
be examined
immediately.

At the stage of
investigation, the public
prosecutor shall, if he
deems a detention is
necessary after
examining the arrestee,
apply for a detention
order from the court,
having jurisdiction over
the case, within
twenty-four hours from
the time of making the
arrest with or without a
warrant.

Unless a detention order

has been applied for
under the provision of
the preceding section,
the public prosecutor
shall release the
accused immediately. If
it is considered that
application for detention
is not necessary
notwithstanding the
existence of one of the
circumstances listed in
section I of Article 101 or
section I of Article 101-1,
the arrestee may be
released on bail, to the
custody of another, or
with a limitation on his
residence; if these

requirements cannot be
met, and if the
circumstances justify
such necessity, the
public prosecutor may
apply for detention order.

The provisions of
sections one through
three of this article shall
apply, mutatis mutandis,
to cases where the
public prosecutor takes
an accused transferred
from a court in
accordance with the
Code of Juvenile Matter
Arrangement, or from the
court martial in
accordance with Code of

Martial Trial.

A court, after receiving application for detention order in accordance with the preceding three sections, shall examine the arrestee immediately.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 93-1 Time spent in one of the following circumstances shall not be counted against the twenty-four hour limitation in Article 91 and the second

section of the preceding

article, provided that

there is no unnecessary

delay:

(1) Unavoidable delay

caused by traffic

obstruction or force

majeure;

(2) In the transfer of

arrestee;

(3) Interrogation cannot

be made according to

the first section of Article

100-3;

(4) Examination cannot

be made due to health

emergency of the

accused or suspect;

(5) Examination is not

made because of waiting
for the presence of a
defense attorney when
the accused or suspect
has made the
presentation that a
defense attorney has
been retained. The said
waiting time allowed
shall not exceed four
hours. The same rule
applies to the case while
waiting for the presence
of the persons named in
the third section of Article
35 if the accused or the
suspect is unable to
make a clear and
complete statement due

to unsound mind;

(6) Examination is not made because of waiting for the presence of the interpreter if there is a need for having an interpreter for the accused or suspect, provided that the waiting time shall not exceed six hours;

(7) If the public prosecutor orders the release of the arrestee on bail or to the custody of another, while waiting for bonds to be presented or for the acceptance of custody,

provided that the waiting
time allowed shall not
exceed four hours;

(8) The time when the
suspect was examined
by the court according to
the Habeas Corpus Act.

No examination shall be
made in the above
period of time described
in the preceding section.

If the accused cannot be
sent to a court with
jurisdiction within
twenty-four hours due to
the existence of one of
the reasons specified in
the first section of this
article, the public

prosecutor shall specify
the reason in his
application of detention
order.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER IX EXAMINATION OF
ACCUSED

Article 94 In an examination, an

accused shall be first

asked his full name, age,

native place, occupation,

and domicile or

residence to determine

whether a mistake as to

his identity has been

made; if there is a
mistake, he shall be
immediately released.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 95

In an examination, an
accused shall be
informed of the following:
(1) That he is suspected
of committing an offense
and all of the offenses
charged. If the charge is
changed after an
accused has been
informed of the offense
charged, he shall be

informed of such

change;

(2) That he may remain

silent and does not have

to make a statement

against his own will;

(3) That he may retain

defense attorney;

(4) That he may request

the investigation of

evidence favorable to

him.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 96

In an examination, an

accused shall be given

an opportunity to explain
the offense of which he
is suspected; if there is
an explanation, the
accused shall be ordered
to make a detailed
statement of the
complete matter; if the
explanation contains
facts favorable to him, he
shall be ordered to
explain his method of
proof.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 97

If there are several

accused, they shall be
examined separately;
those who have not been
examined shall not be
permitted to be present,
provided that if it is
necessary to discover
the truth, the accused
may be confronted with
each other. The accused
may also request a
confrontation.

A request by an accused
for a confrontation shall
not be rejected, unless it
is apparently
unnecessary.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 98

An accused shall be
examined in an honest
manner; violence, threat,
inducement, fraud,
exhausting examination
or other improper means
shall not be used.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 99

If an accused is deaf or
dumb, or not conversant
with the language, an
interpreter may be used;
such accused may also

be examined in writing or
ordered to make a
statement in writing.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 100

The confession of an
accused and other
statements unfavorable
to him as well as facts
stated in his favor and
the method of proof
indicated shall be clearly
noted in the record.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 100-1

The whole proceeding of
examining the accused
shall be recorded without
interruption in audio, and
also, if necessary, in
video, provided that in
case of an emergency,
after clearly stated in the
record, the said rule may
not be followed.

Except for the

circumstances

prescribed in the Proviso

of the preceding section

of this article, if there is

an inconsistency

between the content of

the record and that of the
audio or video record
regarding the statements
made by the accused,
the said portion of the
statement shall not be
used as evidence.

The means of
preservation of the audio
or video record specified
in the first section of this
article shall be
prescribed by the
Judicial Yuan and the
Executive Yuan.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 100-2

The provisions of this chapter shall apply mutatis mutandis to the interrogation of suspects by judicial police officer or judicial policeman.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 100-3

The interrogation of criminal suspects by judicial police officer or judicial policeman shall not proceed at night, except for the following circumstances:

(1) Express consent by

the person being

interrogated;

(2) Identity check of the

person arrested with or

without a warrant at

night;

(3) Permission by a

public prosecutor or

judge;

(4) In case of

emergency.

Upon the request of a

suspect, the

interrogation shall

proceed immediately.

The night herein means

the time between sunset

and sunrise.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER X DETENTION OF ACCUSED

Article 101 An accused may be

detained after he has

been examined by a

judge and is strongly

suspected of having

committed an offense,

and due to the existence

of one of the following

circumstances it is

apparent that there will

be difficulties in

prosecution, trial, or

execution of sentence

unless the detention of

the accused is ordered:

(1) He has absconded,

or there are facts

sufficient to justify an

apprehension that he

may abscond;

(2) There are facts

sufficient to justify an

apprehension that he

may destroy, forge, or

alter evidence, or

conspire with a

co-offender or witness;

(3) He has committed an

offense punishable with

the death penalty, life

imprisonment, or a

minimum punishment of

imprisonment for no less

than five years.

At the time a judge is making the examination in accordance with the provision of the preceding section, the public prosecutor may be present and state the reason for applying detention order and present necessary evidence.

The accused and his defense attorney shall be informed of the facts based to support the detention of an accused as specified in section I of this article. The same

shall be stated in the
record.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 101-1	An accused may be detained, if necessary, after he has been examined by a judge and is strongly suspected of committing one of the following offenses, and if there are facts sufficient to justify an apprehension that he may re-commit the same offense again:
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(1) The offense of Arson
as provided in sections I,
II, and IV of Article 174,
and sections I and II of
Article 175, and the
offense of constructive
arson as provided in
Article 176 of Criminal
Code;

(2) The offense of
Forced Sexual
Intercourse as provided
in Article 221, the
offense of Forced
Obscene Act as provided
in Article 224, the
offense of Aggravated
Forced Obscene as
provided in Article 214-1,

the offense of Sexual Intercourse or Obscene Act against an insane person as provided in Article 225, the offense of Sexual Intercourse or Obscene Act against under aged child as provided in Article 227, the offense of Battery as provided in Article 277-1 of the Criminal Code. For the case chargeable only upon a complaint, if a complaint is not filed or has been withdrawn, or if the period of time for filing the complaint has lapsed, then this section

shall not apply;

(3) The offense of False

Imprisonment as

provided in Article 302 of

Criminal Code;

(4) The offense of

Forcing as provided in

Article 304, and offense

of Threaten to Personal

Security as provided in

Article 305 of Criminal

Code;

(5) The offense of

Larceny as provided in

Articles 312 and 322 of

Criminal Code;

(6) The offense of Abrupt

Taking as provided in

Articles 325 through 327

of Criminal Code;

(7) The offense of

commission of

Fraudulent as an

Occupation as provided

in Article 340 of Criminal

Code;

(8) The offense of

Extortion as provided in

Article 346 of Criminal

Code.

The provisions of

sections II and IV of the

preceding article shall

apply mutatis mutandis

to the preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 101-2

After examining the
accused, despite the
existence of the
circumstances specified
in section I of Article 101
and section I of Article
101-1, the judge may
nevertheless order that
the accused be released
on bail, or to the custody
of another, or with a
limitation on his
residence if the detention
is deemed unnecessary.
If the circumstances
specified in Article 114
exist, detention shall not

be permitted unless that
the accused is released
on bail, or to the custody
of another, or with a
limitation on his
residence is not
workable.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 102

A writ of detention is
necessary to detain an
accused.

A writ of detention shall
be fingerprinted by the
accused, and specify the
following matters:

(1) Full name, sex, age,
place of birth, and
domicile or residence of
the accused;

(2) Offense and article of
the Code charged;

(3) Reason for detention
and the facts based
upon;

(4) Place of detention;

(5) Time period of
detention and its starting
date;

(6) Remedy available for
challenging the order of
detention.

The provisions of section
III of Article 71 shall
apply mutatis mutandis

to a writ of detention.

A writ of detention shall

be signed by a judge.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 103

The execution of

detention shall be, during

the stage of

investigation,

administered by a public

prosecutor, and during

the stage of trial,

administered by the

presiding or

commissioned judge. A

writ of detention shall be

executed by a judicial
policeman by sending
the accused to the
specified detention
house; the officer in
charge of the house
shall, after confirming the
identity of the accused,
note the date and time of
the admission on the writ
of detention and sign his
name.

In the execution of a writ
of detention, the writ
shall be sent to the
public prosecutor, the
detention house, the
defense attorney, the
accused, and the relative

or friend appointed by
the accused.

The provisions of Articles
81, 89, and 90 shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to the execution of
detention.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 103-1 In the proceeding of
investigation, if the public
prosecutor, the accused,
or his defense attorney
deems that it is
necessary for the
protection of the

detention house and for
the preservation of the
safety of the accused
detained, or for other
proper reasons, he may
apply to the court to
change the place of
detention.

A notice of change shall
be sent to the public
prosecutor, the detention
house, the defense
attorney, the accused,
and the relative or friend
appointed by the
accused, if the court
makes a change in the
place of detention based
on the application

according to the
provisions of the
preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 104 (Deleted)

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 105 A detained accused may
be placed under restraint
only if such restraint is
necessary to accomplish
the purpose of the
detention house or to

maintain order in the
detention house.

An accused may have
his own food and daily
necessities, may receive
visitors, may send and
receive mail, and receive
books or other things,
but the detention house
may censor them.

If a court deems that the
meeting with visitors,
and the sending or
receiving of mails or
things as specified in the
preceding section
produce facts sufficient
to justify an
apprehension that the

accused may escape or
destroy, forge, or alter
evidence or conspire
with a co-offender or
witness, the court may,
upon the application of
the public prosecutor or
muto proprio, prohibit the
meeting, sending and
receiving or seize the
things received. In case
of emergency, the public
prosecutor or the
detention house may
take necessary actions,
provided that the same
shall be referred
immediately to the court
concerned for approval.

The object, scope, and
time period subject to the
prohibition or seizure
made in accordance with
the provisions of the
preceding section shall
be decided, in the stage
of investigation, by the
public prosecutor, and in
the stage of trial, by the
presiding judge or
commissioned judge.

The same shall be
enforced by the
detention house under
the instruction of the
above referenced
persons, provided that
nothing can be done to

restraint the accused's

justified right of

defending himself.

No restraint shall be

placed upon the body of

an accused unless

sufficient facts exists to

support the

apprehension of

violence, escape, or

suicide; such restraint

shall be taken by the

officer in charge of the

detention house only in

the case of urgent

necessity, and such

action shall be referred

immediately to the court

for approval.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 106 A public prosecutor shall

diligently inspect a place

where an accused is

detained, report the

result of his inspection to

the competent superior

officer, once every ten

days, and notify the

court.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 107 As soon as the reason

for detention ceases to exist, the detention shall be canceled immediately and the accused released.

An accused, the defense attorney, and the person qualified to be the assistant of the accused may apply to the court for cancellation of the detention; the public prosecutor may, also make the said application during the stage of investigation.

The court in deciding whether to approve the application for

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cancellation of detention
referred to in the
preceding section may
consider statements
made by the accused,
the defense attorney, or
the person qualified to be
the assistant of the
accused.

During the stage of
investigation, upon the
public prosecutor's
application, the court
shall cancel the
detention; the public
prosecutor may release
the accused prior to
submitting the
application.

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During the stage of
investigation, the court
shall consult with the
public prosecutor prior to
cancellation of the
detention except the
application for
cancellation of detention
is made by the public
prosecutor.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 108

Detention of an accused
may not exceed two
months during the stage
of investigation and three

months during the stage
of trial, provided that if it
is necessary to continue
the detention, the court
may, prior to the
expiration of the period,
after examining the
accused in accordance
with the provision of
Article 101 or Article
101-1 extend such
period by a ruling.
Application for a ruling
for extension of the
detention period during
the stage of investigation
shall be made by the
public prosecutor with
reasons and submitted

to the court no later than
5 days prior to the
expiration of the period.

The ruling made in
accordance with the
provision of the
preceding section shall,
unless pronounced in
court, be effective upon
serving a true copy on
the accused prior to the
expiration of the
detention period and the
period shall be extended
accordingly. If the ruling
has not been legally
served by the expiration
of the detention period,
the detention shall be

deemed canceled.

During the stage of trial,
the detention period shall
be counted from the date
the case file and exhibits
had been sent to the
court; the detention
period from the date the
prosecution has initiated
or judgment is rendered,
but prior to being sent
out shall be counted
against the detention
period at the
investigation stage or
that of the original trial
court.

Detention period shall be
counted from the date

the writ of detention is issued; the period of time that the accused is kept in custody after the arrest is made with or without a warrant shall be counted as the detention period before final judgment on a day-by-day basis.

Extension of the period of detention, during the investigation stage, may not exceed two months, and only one extension is allowed; during the trial stage, each extension may not exceed two months; if

the maximum
punishment for the
offense charged does
not exceed imprisonment
of ten years, extension
may be allowed three
times during the first
instance and the second
instance, and one time
only during the third
instance.

If a case is remanded,
the number of
extensions for the period
of detention shall be
counted anew.

If no prosecution has
been initiated or no
judgment has been

rendered at the
expiration of the
detention period, the
detention shall be
deemed canceled, and
the public prosecutor or
the court shall release
the accused; if the
accused is released by
the public prosecutor,
the public prosecutor
shall immediately notify
the court of the same.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 109

If a case is appealed and

the period during which
the accused has been
detained exceeds the
term of imprisonment
imposed by the original
judgment, the detention
shall be immediately
canceled and the
accused released; if the
public prosecutor
appeals against the
interests of the accused,
the accused may be
released on bail or to the
custody of another, or
with a limitation on his
residence.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 110

An accused or persons
who may act as his
assistants or the defense
attorney may at any time
apply to the court for the
suspension of detention
of the accused on bail..
During the investigation
stage the public
prosecutor may apply to
the court for the
suspension of detention
of the accused on bail.
The provision of section
III of Article 107 shall
apply mutatis mutandis

to the examination of the
application for
suspension of detention
on bail as specified in the
preceding section.

The court, in deciding
whether to grant the
suspension of detention,
during the investigation
stage, shall consult the
public prosecutor for his
opinion, unless the
circumstances specified
in Article 114 or section II
of this Article exist.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 111

If an application for suspension of detention is permitted, an order shall be issued requiring a bail bond and specifying an appropriate amount of bail.

The bail bond shall be signed only by a reliable person within the judicial district of the court; it shall contain a statement of the amount of the bail and a statement that payment will be made in accordance with law.

If an applicant is willing to provide the specified bail or a third party is

permitted to supply it, a
bail bond is not
necessary.

A negotiable instrument
may be substituted for
the bail.

In cases where an
application for
suspension of detention
is permitted, the
residence of an accused
may be limited.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 112

If the offense charged is
punishable only by a

fine, the amount of bail
may not exceed the
maximum amount of the
fine.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 113

If an application for
suspension of detention
is permitted, the accused
shall be released upon
receipt of the bail bond
or bail.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 114

An application for suspension of detention of an accused under detention who has provided a bail bond, shall not be denied if one of the following circumstances exists:

(1) The maximum punishment for the offense charged is imprisonment for a period of less than three year, detention, or a fine.

If the accused detained is a recidivist, or a person who makes the commission of crime a habit or occupation, a

person who commits a
crime during the period
of parole, or a person
detained under section I
of Article 101, then the
said rule shall not apply;

(2) The accused has
been pregnant for five
months or more or has
given birth during the
preceding two months;

(3) The accused is ill,
and it appears that cure
will be difficult unless he
is released for medical
treatment.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 115

Detention of an accused

may be suspended

without bail and the

accused committed to

the custody of a person

who may act as his

assistant or another

suitable person within

the judicial district of the

court.

A person who has been

given custody of an

accused shall give a

written assurance

obligating himself for the

appearance of such

accused at any time

summoned.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 116	Detention of an accused may be suspended without bail, but limitation on his residence imposed.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 116-1	The provisions of section II through section IV of Article 110 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the
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release of the accused to
the custody of another or
with a limitation on his
residence.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 116-2

In granting the
suspension of detention,
the court may set the
following conditions to be
complied by the
accused:

(1) Report to the court or
public prosecutor
periodically;

(2) No threat of causing

personal injury or
property damage made
to or action taken against
the victim, witness,
expert witness, the
public official in charge of
investigation or trial of
the subject case, or the
spouse, lineal blood
relatives, collateral blood
relatives within the third
degree of kinship,
relative by marriage
within the second degree
of relationship, family
head or family member
of the said public official;
(3) If suspension of
detention is granted

under the provisions of
Item III of Article 114, no
activities unrelated to
medical treatment are
permitted without
consent of the court or
public prosecutor, except
for the activities
necessary to maintain
normal life or profession;
(4) Other activities the
court deems suitable.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 117

An accused who has
been released from

detention may be

detained again under

one of the following

circumstances:

(1) He has failed to

appear without due

reasons after having

been legally summoned;

(2) He has violated the

limitation placed upon

his residence;

(3) The circumstances

specified in section I of

Article 101 or section I of

Article 101-1 have newly

arisen;

(4) Violation of the

conditions needs to be

complied with as set

forth by the court under

the preceding article;

(5) He has committed an

offense punishable with

death penalty, life

imprisonment or with a

minimum punishment of

imprisonment for no less

than five years, and was

released under Item III of

Article 114, but the

reasons for suspension

of detention have

disappeared and there is

a necessity for his

detention.

If one of the

circumstances specified

in the preceding section

exists at the investigation

stage, the public

prosecutor may apply for

the re-detention of the

accused to the court.

The time period of

re-detention shall be

counted together with

the time period of

detention prior to the

suspension of the

detention.

A court in re-detaining

the accused in

accordance with the

provision of section I of

this article may apply

mutatis mutandis the

provision of section I of

Article 103.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 117-1 The provisions of the

preceding two articles

shall apply mutatis

mutandis to the

situations where the

public prosecutor

releases the accused on

bail, to the custody of

another, or with a

limitation on his

residence in accordance

with the proviso of

section III of Article 93,

or section IV of Article
228. The same rule
applies when the court
releases the accused on
bail, to the custody of
another, or with limitation
on his residence under
Article 101-2.

In detaining the accused
under the preceding
section by court, the
provisions of Article 101
and 101-1 shall apply; if
the public prosecutor
applying for the
detention of the accused
to the court, the provision
of section II of Article 93
shall apply.

The bail bond obligation shall be terminated, if the detention of an accused is made under the provision of section I of this article.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 118

If an accused who has been released on bail absconds or conceals himself, the court shall order the surety to pay the amount of money specified in the order fixing bail and forfeit it; if

the bail is not paid,
compulsory execution
shall be levied; if the
cash bail bond has
already been supplied, it
shall be forfeited.

The provision of the
preceding section shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to the case where the
public prosecutor orders
the release of the
accused on bail under
the proviso of section III
of Article 93, and section
IV of Article 228.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 119

The obligation under a
bail bond shall be
terminated, if the
detention of an accused
is canceled, or if he is
again detained, or if the
detention is nullified by a
decision not to indict or a
judgment or ruling.
If a third party who
furnished a written or
cash bail bond reports to
the court, public
prosecutor, or judicial
police officer the
circumstances of an
attempt by an accused to

abscond or to conceal

himself so that such

abscondence or

concealment may be

prevented, his

application to withdraw

the bond may be

granted, unless the law

provides otherwise.

If the obligation under a

bail is terminated or a

bail bond is withdrawn,

the bond shall be

canceled or the cash bail

bond which has not been

forfeited shall be

returned.

The provisions of the

preceding three sections

shall apply mutatis
mutandis to a person
who has been given
custody of an accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 120 (Deleted)

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 121 The cancellation of
detention specified in
section I of Article 107,
the release on bail, to the
custody of another, or

with a limitation on
residence specified in
Article 109, the
suspension of detention
specified in section I of
Article 110, Article 115,
and Article 116, the
forfeiture of cash bail
bond specified in section
I of Article 118, the
withdrawal of the bond
specified in section II of
Article 119, shall be
made by a court in the
form of a ruling.

A ruling relating to the
matter specified in the
preceding section shall
be made by the court of

the second instance
while the case appeal is
pending at the court of
the third instance and the
case file and exhibits
have already been sent
to the said court.

In making the ruling
specified in the
preceding section, the
court of the second
instance may request the
delivery of the case file
and exhibits from the
court of the third
instance.

During the investigation
stage, the forfeiture of
cash bail bond specified

in section II of Article
118, the withdrawal of
the bond specified in
section II of Article 119
and the order to furnish
bail, release to the
custody of another, or
with limitation on
residence specified in
the proviso of section III
of Article 93 and section
IV of Article 228, shall be
made by a public
prosecutor in the form of
an order.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER XI SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Article 122

If necessary, the person,
property, electronic
record, dwelling, or other
premises of an accused
or a suspect may be
searched.

The person, property,
electronic record,
dwelling, or other
premises of a third party
may be searched only
when there is probable
cause to believe that the
accused or the suspect,
or property or electronic
record subject to seizure
is there.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 123 Search of the person of a
female shall be
conducted by a woman
unless it is impossible.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 124 A search shall be kept
secret, and attention
shall be paid to the
reputation of the person
searched.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 125 If no property subject to
seizure is found, a
certificate to that effect
shall be given to the
person who was
searched.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 126 If a document or other
thing held or kept by a
public office or public
official is to be seized, a
request shall be made

for its surrender,
provided that a search
may be made if
necessary.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 127	A place which must be kept secret for military purposes shall not be searched without the permission of the officer in charge. Under the circumstance specified in the preceding section, the permission cannot be
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withheld except for the possibility of violation of major national interests.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 128

A search warrant is required to conduct a search.

A search warrant shall contain the following matters:

(1) Offense charged;

(2) The accused or suspect to be searched or the property to be seized; if the accused or

suspect is unknown the,

same can be waived;

(3) The place, person,

property or electronic

record to be searched;

(4) The period that the

warrant remains valid

shall be specified; no

search can be made

after the expiration date;

search warrant shall be

returned after its

execution.

A search warrant shall

be signed by a judge; the

judge may specify proper

instructions, to be

followed by the person

executing the search, on

the search warrant.

The procedure in issuing
of the search warrant
shall not be open to the
public.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 128-1 During the investigation
stage, if the public
prosecutor deems that a
search is necessary, he
shall apply for a search
warrant to the court
concerned in writing,
containing the matters
specified in section II of

the preceding article,
together with the reason
thereof, except for the
circumstances specified
in section II of Article
131.

A judicial police officer,
for the purpose of
investigating the details
of offense committed by
the suspect and
gathering evidences of
the offense, may, if
necessary, after
obtaining permission
from the public
prosecutor, apply for a
search warrant from the
court concerned.

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If the application
specified in the
preceding two sections is
denied, the ruling is not
appealable.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

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Article 128-2	A search shall be conducted by a public prosecuting affairs official, judicial police officer, or judicial policeman unless it is personally made by a judge or public prosecutor.
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A public prosecuting
affairs official in
conducting a search,
may seek assistance
from the judicial police
officer or judicial
policeman if necessary.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 129 (Deleted)

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 130 An accused or a suspect
arrested with or without a

warrant or detained by a
public prosecutor, public
prosecuting affairs
official, judicial police
officer, or judicial
policeman, may be
searched without a
search warrant. The
same shall apply to the
items he is carrying, the
transportation vehicle he
is using, and the
premises within his
immediate control.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 131

A public prosecutor,
public prosecuting affairs
official, judicial police
officer, or judicial
policeman may search a
dwelling or other
premises without a
search warrant, under
one of the following
circumstances:

(1) To arrest an accused
or a suspect with or
without a warrant or to
detain him, provided that
there are facts sufficient
to justify a conclusion
that the accused or
criminal suspect is
therein;

(2) To pursue a person in
flagrante delicto or to
arrest, without a warrant,
a person who has
escaped, provided that
there are facts sufficient
to justify a conclusion
that the said person is
therein;

(3) When there are
obvious facts to believe
that a person inside the
premise is committing a
crime and the
circumstances are
urgent.

During the investigation
stage, a public
prosecutor may conduct

a search without a
warrant or instruct the
public prosecuting affairs
official, judicial police
officer, or judicial
policeman to do it and
report the same to the
public prosecutor
general, if there really
are probable cause to
believe that
circumstances are
exigent and there are
sufficient facts to justify
an apprehension that the
evidence shall be
destroyed, forged,
altered, or concealed
within twenty four hours

unless a search is
conducted immediately.
If the search specified in
the preceding two
sections is conducted by
a public prosecutor, the
same shall be reported
to the court concerned
within three days. If it is
conducted by a public
prosecuting affairs
official, judicial police
officer, or judicial
policeman, the same
shall be reported to the
public prosecutor of the
public prosecutor office
concerned and the court
within three days. If the

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court decides that the
search should not be
approved, the court shall
cancel it within five days.

If the search conducted
under section I or II has
not been reported to the
court concerned, or has
been canceled by the
court, the court at trial
may declare the things
seized inadmissible as
evidence.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

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Article 131-1

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A search may be made

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without a search warrant

with the voluntary

consent of the person

being searched,

provided that the person

conducting the search

shall show his proof of

identity to the person

being searched, and put

the fact of the consent

being given in the

records.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 132

If a search is resisted,

force may be used, but

such force may not be
excessive.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 132-1	After executing the search warrant issued upon application, the public prosecutor, or judicial police officer shall report the results to the court issuing the search warrant; if it cannot be executed, the reasons shall be explained thereof.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 133

A thing which can be
used as evidence or is
subject to confiscation
may be seized.

The owner, possessor,
or custodian of the
property subject to
seizure may be ordered
to surrender or deliver it.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 134

A document or other
property in the

possession or custody of
a public office, public
official, or former public
official which should be
kept confidential for
official reasons may not
be seized without the
permission of a
supervisory public office
or the public official in
charge.

The permission specified
in the preceding
paragraph may not be
withheld unless it is
contrary to the interests
of the State.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 135

Mail or a telegram which
is in the possession or
custody of a post office,
telegraph office, or an
official thereof may be
seized under one of the
following circumstances:

(1) If there is probable
cause to believe that it is
connected to the case.

(2) If it is sent by or to an
accused, provided that
mail or a telegram
between an accused and
his defense attorney may
not be seized unless it is

considered to be
evidence of an offense;
or it is apprehended that
the addressee or the
addresser may destroy,
forge, or alter evidence
or conspire with a
co-offender or witness,
or the accused has
absconded.

If the seizure specified in
the preceding section is
executed, the addressee
or the addresser of the
mail or a telegram shall
be notified unless it
would interfere with
judicial proceeding.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 136

A seizure shall be
executed by a public
prosecuting affairs
official, judicial police
officer, or judicial
policeman, unless it is
personally executed by a
judge or public
prosecutor.

If a public prosecuting
affairs official, judicial
police officer or judicial
policeman, or public
prosecutor is ordered to
execute a seizure, the

matters concerned shall
be entered on the search
warrant given to him.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 137	Property which should be seized for the same case and which is discovered by a public prosecutor, public prosecuting affairs officer, judicial police officer or judicial policeman during the execution of a search or seizure may be seized
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notwithstanding that it is
not listed in the search
warrant.

The provision of section
III of Article 131 shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to the circumstances
under the preceding
section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 138

If an owner, possessor,
or custodian of property
which should be seized
refuses to surrender or
deliver it or resists the

seizure without justified
cause, such seizure may
be effected by force.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 139

A receipt listing in detail
the property seized shall
be given to the owner,
possessor, or custodian.
Seized property shall be
sealed up or otherwise
marked; the public office
or official executing the
seizure shall place a seal
on the property seized.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 140

Appropriate measures
shall be taken to protect
property against loss or
damage.

A person may be
ordered to guard seized
property which is
inconvenient to transport
or preserve, or the owner
or other proper person
may be ordered to
preserve it.

Seized property which is
dangerous may be
destroyed.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 141 If it is apprehended that

seized property which

may be forfeited will be

lost or damaged, or if it is

inconvenient to preserve

it, it may be sold at an

auction and the

proceeds retained.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 142 If it appears unnecessary

to retain seized property

until the conclusion of a
case, it shall be returned
by a ruling of the court or
an order of the public
prosecutor; if a third
party does not claim the
seized stolen property, it
shall be returned to the
victim.

Seized property may
temporarily be returned
to the owner, possessor,
or custodian if he asks
for return of property and
undertakes to preserve
it.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 143

The provisions of the preceding four articles shall apply mutatis mutandis to property which has been left at the scene of the crime by an accused, suspect, or third person, or voluntarily surrendered or delivered over by its owner, possessor or custodian and which has been retained.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 144

Locks and seals may be

broken or other

necessary measures

taken to execute a

search or seizure.

In executing the search

or seizure, the premises

subject to search may be

closed to public and the

person therein be

ordered not to leave, or

any person other than

the accused, suspect, or

a third person, specified

in the preceding article

may be prohibited to

enter the premises.

A violator of the

restraining order

specified in the
preceding section shall
be ordered to leave or
put into the custody of an
appropriate person until
the executing proceeding
is completed.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 145 In executing a search or
seizure, the judge, public
prosecutor, public
prosecuting affairs
officer, judicial police
officer, or judicial
policeman shall show the

warrant to the person
present as specified in
Article 148, unless the
search or seizure is the
one that may be effected
without a warrant as
specified in other
provisions.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 146	No occupied or guarded dwelling or other premises may be entered and searched or property seized at night unless the occupant,
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watchman, or his
representative gives
permission, or the
circumstances are
urgent.

If a search or seizure is
executed at night, the
reason therefore shall be
stated in the record.

A search or seizure
begun during the day
may be continued till
night.

The provision of section
III of Article 100-3 shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to search and seizure
executed at night.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 147

The following premises
may be entered at night
for a search or seizure:

(1) A place occupied or
used by a person on
parole;

(2) A hotel, restaurant, or
other premises open to
the public at night during
the period that it is open;

(3) A place frequently
used for gambling,
committing sexual
offense against victim's
free will, or committing

offenses against

morality.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 148

If a search or seizure is

executed in an occupied

or guarded dwelling or

other premises, the

occupant, watchman, or

his representative shall

be ordered to be present;

in their absence, a

neighbor or an official of

a nearby self-governing

body may be ordered to

be present.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 149 If a search or seizure is

to be executed in a

public office, military

camp, naval vessel, or

secret military place, the

officer in charge thereof

or his representative

shall be notified to be

present.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 150 The parties and the

defense attorney during
the stage of trial may be
present at a search or
seizure unless an
accused is in
confinement or it is
considered that his
presence would interfere
with the search or
seizure.

If it is considered to be
necessary, an accused
may be ordered to be
present when a search
or seizure is executed.

The time, date, and
place of a search or
seizure shall be
communicated to the

person who may be
present in accordance
with the preceding two
sections unless
circumstances are
urgent.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 151 If a search or seizure is
temporarily suspended,
the premises shall be
locked and a person
ordered to guard such
premises if necessary.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 152 If property which should

be seized for another

case is discovered while

executing a search or

seizure, such property

may be seized and

delivered to the court or

public prosecutor having

jurisdiction.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 153 The presiding judge or

public prosecutor may

request the judge or

public prosecutor of the
place where a search or
seizure is to be made to
execute such search or
seizure.

If the requisitioned judge
or public prosecutor
discovers that the search
or seizure shall be
executed at another
place, the judge or public
prosecutor of such place
may in turn forward such
request to the judge or
public prosecutor
concerned.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER XII EVIDENCE

Section 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 154 Prior to a final conviction

through trial, an accused

is presumed to be

innocent.

The facts of an offense

shall be established by

evidence. The facts of an

offense shall not be

established in the

absence of evidence.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 155 The probative value of

evidence shall be
determined at the
discretion and based on
the firm confidence of the
court, provided that it
cannot be contrary to the
rules of experience and
logic. Evidence
inadmissible, having not
been lawfully
investigated, shall not
form the basis of a
decision.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 156

Confession of an

accused not extracted by
violence, threat,
inducement, fraud,
exhausting interrogation,
unlawful detention or
other improper means
and consistent with facts
may be admitted as
evidence.

Confession of an
accused, or a
co-offender, shall not be
used as the sole basis of
conviction and other
necessary evidence shall
still be investigated to
see if the confession is
consistent with facts.

If the accused states that

his confession was
extracted by improper
means, his confession
shall be investigated
prior to investigating
other evidences; if the
said confession is
presented by the public
prosecutor, the court
shall order the public
prosecutor to indicate
the method to prove that
the confession is
obtained under the free
will of the accused.

Where an accused has
made no confession nor
has there been any
evidence, his guilt shall

not be presumed merely
because of his refusal to
make a statement or
remaining silent.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 157	No evidence is needed to be adduced to prove facts commonly known to the public.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 158	No evidence is required to be adduced to prove
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such facts that are
obvious to the court or
become known to it in
performing its functions.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 158-1 The court shall give the
parties opportunities to
state his opinion
regarding the facts that
are not required to be
proven as specified in
the preceding two
articles.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 158-2 Any confession or other
unfavorable statements
obtained from the
accused or suspect in
violation of the
provisions of section II of
Article 93-1 or section I
of Article 100-3 shall not
be admitted as evidence,
provided that if lack of
bad faith in such violation
and the voluntariness of
the confession or
statement has been
proven, the preceding
section shall not apply.

The provision of the preceding section shall apply mutatis mutandis to the case where the public prosecuting affairs official, judicial police officer, or judicial policeman violates the provisions of Items II and III of Article 95 in interrogating an accused or suspect arrested with or without a warrant.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 158-3

If a witness or expert

witness fails to sign an affidavit to tell the truth, as required by law, his testimony or expert opinion shall not be admitted as evidence.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 158-4 The admissibility of the evidence, obtained in violation of the procedure prescribed by the law by an official in execution of criminal procedure, shall be determined by balancing

the protection of human
rights and the
preservation of public
interests, unless
otherwise provided by
law.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 159

Unless otherwise
provided by law, oral or
written statements made
out of trial by a person
other than the accused,
shall not be admitted as
evidence.

The provision of the

preceding section shall
not apply to the
circumstances specified
in section II of Article
161, nor to the case in a
summary trial
proceeding or where
sentencing is ordered by
a summary judgment;
the same rule shall apply
to the review of the
application for detention,
search, detention for
expert examination,
permission for expert
examination,
perpetuation of evidence
and other compulsive
measures.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 159-1 Statements made out of
trial by a person other
than the accused to the
judge shall be admitted
as evidence.

Statements made in the
investigation stage by a
person other than the
accused to the public
prosecutor, shall be
admitted as evidence
unless it appears to be
obviously unreliable.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 159-2 When the statements
made, in the
investigation stage, by a
person other than the
accused to the public
prosecuting affairs
official, judicial police
officer, or judicial
policeman are
inconsistent with that
made in trial, the prior
statement may be
admitted as evidence,
provided that special
circumstances exist

indicating that the prior statements are more reliable, and that they are necessary in proving the facts of the criminal offense.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 159-3 Statements made in the investigation stage by a person other than the accused to the public prosecuting affairs official, judicial police officer, or judicial policeman may be

admitted as evidence, if
one of the following
circumstances exists in
trial and after proving the
existence of special
circumstances indicating
its reliability and its
necessity in proving the
facts of criminal offense:

- (1) The person died;
- (2) The person has lost
his memory or has been
unable to make a
statement due to
physical or emotional
impairment;
- (3) The person cannot be
summoned or has failed
to respond to the

summons due to the fact
that he is staying in a
foreign country or his
whereabouts are
unknown;

(4) The person has
refused to testify in court
without justified reason.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 159-4 In addition to the
circumstances specified
in the preceding three
articles, the following
documents may also be
admitted as evidence:

(1) Documents of recording nature, or documents of certifying nature made by a public official in performing his duty, unless circumstances exist making it obviously unreliable;

(2) Documents of recording nature, or documents of certifying nature made by a person in the course of performing professional duty or regular day to day business, unless circumstances exist making it obviously

unreliable;

(3) Documents made in

other reliable

circumstances in

addition to the special

circumstances specified

in the preceding two

Items.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 159-5

Statements made out of

trial by a person other

than the accused,

although not consistent

with the provisions of the

preceding four articles,

may be admitted as
evidence, if the party
consents to its
admissibility as evidence
in the trial stage and the
court believes its
admissibility is proper
after considering the
circumstances under
which the oral or written
statement was made.

The party, agent, or
defense attorney shall be
deemed to have granted
his consent specified in
the preceding section, if
during the investigation
of evidence in the court
he has knowledge of the

existence of the
circumstances specified
in section I of Article 159
as to the inadmissibility
of the evidence and fails
to object to its admission
before the conclusion of
oral argument.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 160

Personal opinion or
speculation of a witness
shall not be admitted as
evidence, unless it is
based on his personal
experience.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 161

The public prosecutor
shall bear the burden of
proof as to the facts of
the crime charged
against an accused, and
shall indicate the method
of proof.

Prior to the first trial date,
if it appears to the court
that the method of proof
indicated by the public
prosecutor is obviously
insufficient to establish
the possibility that the

accused is guilty, the
court shall, by a ruling,
notify the public
prosecutor to make it up
within a specified time
period; if additional
evidence is not
presented within the
specified time period, the
court may dismiss the
prosecution by a ruling.

Once the ruling on
dismissing the
prosecution becomes
final, no prosecution can
be initiated for the same
case, unless one of the
circumstances specified
in the Items of Article

260 exists.

Judgment of "Case Not

Established" shall be

pronounced if

prosecution has been

re-initiated in violation of

the provision of the

preceding paragraph.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 161-1

The accused may

indicate methods of

proof favorable to him

against the facts

charged.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 161-2 The parties, agent,

defense attorney or

assistant of the accused

shall present opinion

concerning the scope,

order, and methods of

evidence to be

investigated.

The court shall make the

ruling according to the

opinions presented

under the preceding

section; changes can be

made based on the

motion from the parties,

agent, defense attorney,
or assistant of the
accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 161-3 The court shall not

investigate the

confession of the

accused that is

admissible as evidence

prior to investigating

other evidence

concerning the facts of

the crime, unless

otherwise specifically

provided by law.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 162 (Deleted)

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 163 The party, defense
attorney, agent, or
assistant may request an
investigation of evidence
and may examine a
witness, an expert
witness, or the accused
during such
investigation; such

examination shall not be prohibited unless the court deems improper.

The court may, for the purpose of discovering the truth, ex officio investigating evidence; in case for the purpose of maintaining justice or discovering facts that are critical to the interest of the accused, the court shall ex officio investigate evidence.

The court shall, prior to conducting investigation of evidence in accordance with the preceding section,

provide the parties,
agent, defense attorney
or assistant the
opportunity to state their
opinions.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 163-1 Motion filed by parties,
agent, defense attorney,
or assistance of
evidence investigation
shall be in writing and
contain the following
matters in detail:

(1) The evidence to be
investigated and its

relationship with the fact

to be proven;

(2) The name, gender,

domicile or resident of

the witness, expert

witness, or interpreter to

be subpoenaed and the

estimated time spent for

examination;

(3) A list of the evidential

document, or other

documents to be

investigated; if part of the

same shall be

investigated, only that

portion shall be filed.

The copies of the written

motion shall be filed,

according to the number

of persons in the other
party; the court shall
deliver it promptly after
receiving the same.

In case the written
motion specified in
section I of this Article
cannot be filed for good
reasons, or in case of
emergency, the motion
may be made orally.

In circumstances
specified in the
preceding section, the
oral motion shall state
clearly, the matters
specified in the Items of
section I of this article
and it shall be put in the

record by the clerk; if the
other party is not
present, the record shall
be delivered to him.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 163-2 The court may overrule,
by a ruling, the motion
for investigation of
evidence filed by a party,
agent, defense attorney,
or assistant, if it deems
to be unnecessary.

The following
circumstances shall be
deemed unnecessary:

(1) Inability to

investigate;

(2) It bears no critical

relationship with the fact

to be proven;

(3) It is unnecessary to

investigate because the

facts to be proven is

clear;

(4) Filing the motion

again for the same

evidence.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 164

The presiding judge shall

show the exhibit to the

party, agent, defense

attorney, or assistant

and ask him to identify it.

If the exhibit specified in

the preceding section is

a document and the

accused does not

understand its meaning

he shall be informed of

its essential points.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 165

Records and other

documents in the file

which may be used as

evidence shall be read,

by the presiding judge, to
the party, agent, defense
attorney, or assistant, or
their essential points
explained.

If the documents referred
to in the preceding
section are those against
morality, public safety, or
possibly defamatory, it
shall be handled to the
party, agent, defense
attorney, or assistant for
reviewing instead of
reading it to these
persons; if the accused
does not understand its
meaning, the essential
points shall be

explained.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 165-1 The provision of the

preceding article shall

apply mutatis mutandis

to other evidential items

other than documents

which have the same

effect as the document.

Audio recording, video

recording, electronic

record or other similar

evidential items that can

be used as evidence,

shall be played, by the

presiding judge, with
appropriate equipment to
reveal the sound,
picture, signals, or
information to the party,
agent, defense attorney,
or assistant to identify, or
their essential points
explained.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 166

After a witness, or an
expert witness,
subpoenaed because of
the motion of a party, an
agent, a defense

attorney, or an assistant,

has been examined by

the presiding judge for

his identity, the party,

agent, or defense

attorney shall examine

these persons; if an

accused, not

represented by a

defense attorney, does

not want to examine

these persons, the court

shall still provide him

with appropriate

opportunities to question

these persons.

The examination of a

witness or an expert

witness shall be in the

following order:

(1) The party, agent, or
defense attorney calling
the witness or expert
witness shall do the
direct examination first;

(2) Followed by the
opposing party's, his
agent's or defense
attorney's cross
examination;

(3) Then, the party,
agent, or defense
attorney calling the
witness or expert witness
shall do the redirect
examination;

(4) Finally, the opposing
party, his agent or

defense attorney shall

make the recross

examination.

After completing the

examination as specified

in the preceding section,

the party, agent, or

defense attorney may,

with the court's approval,

examine the witness or

expert witness again.

After examined by the

party, agent, or defense

attorney, the witness or

expert witness may be

examined by the

presiding judge.

If the one and the same

accused or private

prosecutor is
represented by two or
more agents or defense
attorneys, the said
agents or defense
attorneys shall choose
one of them to examine
the one and the same
witness or expert
witness, unless
otherwise permitted by
the presiding judge.
If the witness or expert
witness is called by both
parties, the order of
doing the direct
examination shall be
decided by both parties'
agreement; if it can not

be decided by such
agreement, the presiding
judge shall determine it.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 166-1 Direct examination shall

be made on the facts to

be proven and other

matters concerned.

To examine the

probative value of the

statement of the witness

or expert witness, the

direct examination may

be made as to the

necessary points thereof.

No leading question may
be asked in direct
examination, except for
the following
circumstances:

(1) The personal identity,
education, experience of
the witness or expert
witness, and matters
necessary to his social
relationships prior to
getting into the
substantive matter being
examined;

(2) The matter clearly not
in dispute;

(3) For the purpose of
refreshing the memory of
the witness or expert

witness in case the

witness or expert witness

has a vague memory;

(4) The witness or expert

witness appears to be

hostile or antagonistic to

the examiner;

(5) The matters which

the witness or expert

witness is trying to avoid

answering;

(6) The prior statement

of the witness or expert

witness, if it is

inconsistent with his

current statement;

(7) Other special

circumstances that will

validate the necessity of

a leading question.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 166-2 The scope of cross
examination shall be
limited to the matters or
its related matter
revealed in direct
examination, or the
matters necessary for
examining the probative
value of the statements
made by the witness or
expert witness.

Leading question may be
asked in cross

examination if

necessary.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 166-3

Matters in supporting of

new allegation by the

cross-examiner may be

brought out in cross

examination with the

court's permission.

The examination made

as specified in the

preceding section shall

be treated as direct

examination.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 166-4

The scope of redirect
examination shall be
limited to the matters or
its related matters
revealed in cross
examination.

The redirect examination
shall apply the rules of
direct examination.

The provision of the
preceding article shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to this article.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 166-5 The scope of recross
examination shall be
limited to the matters
necessary for examining
the probative value of the
evidence revealed in
redirect examination.
The recross examination
shall apply the rules of
cross examination.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 166-6 After examining a
witness or an expert

witness subpoenaed by
the court on its own
motion, the party, agent,
or defense attorney may
examine him, the order
of doing the examination
shall be determined by
the court.

The presiding judge may
continue to examine a
witness or an expert
witness after he has
been examined by the
party, agent, or defense
attorney.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 166-7

The examining of a

witness or an expert

witness and the answers

thereof shall be specific

as to a particular point.

The following ways of

examination shall be

prohibited, unless the

circumstances specified

in items 5 through 8 exist

and there is a good

reason not to apply it:

(1) The question is

unrelated to the subject

case or the matter

revealed by examination;

(2) The examination is

conducted by ways of

threat, insult,

inducement, fraud, or
other improper means;

(3) The question is
abstract and lack of
specification;

(4) The question is
unjustifiable leading;

(5) The examination is
based on hypothetical
facts or facts
unsupported by
evidence;

(6) Repeated question;

(7) Asking the witness to
state his personal
opinion, speculation, or
comment;

(8) The testimony may
seriously injure the

reputation, credit, or
property of the witness or
the persons who have
the relationship with him
as specified in section I
of Article 180;

(9) The examination is
addressed to matters
that the witness has not
personally experienced,
or things that the expert
witness has not
personally examined;

(10) Other ways
prohibited by law.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 167

The presiding judge shall not restrict or prohibit the examination of witness or expert witness by the party, agent, or defense attorney, unless the examination is inappropriate.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 167-1

The party, agent, or defense attorney may object to the examination of witness or expert witness and the answer thereof for the reasons

that it violates the law or
regulation, or it is
inappropriate.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 167-2 The objection specified
in the preceding article
shall be made to a
particular question or
answer and it shall be
immediately
accompanied by brief
reasons thereof.

The presiding judge shall
make immediate ruling
on the objection

specified in the
preceding section.

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The opposing party,
agent, or defense
attorney may state his
opinion about the
objection prior to the
presiding judge's making
ruling.

The witness or expert
witness shall not make
statement between the
time objection is made
and the time a presiding
judge's ruling is
announced.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

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on February 6, 2003.

Article 167-3

The presiding judge shall
overrule an objection if it
is determined that it was
not timely made, it was
made for delaying the
proceeding or for other
illegitimate purposes,
unless the subject matter
of objection, not timely
made, has a critical
relationship with the
case at bar.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 167-4

The presiding judge shall

overrule an objection if it
is determined that it is
was not supported by
good reason.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 167-5 The presiding judge shall
make a ruling to order
the termination,
withdrawal, cancellation,
alteration, or other
appropriate measures of
the question being asked
and the answer thereto
as the case may be, if
the objection is

supported by good

reason.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 167-6

No appeal shall be made

to the rulings specified in

the preceding three

articles.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 167-7

The provisions of section

II of Article 166-7, and

Articles 167 through

167-6 shall apply mutatis

mutandis to examination
specified in section I of
Article 163.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 168 A witness or an expert
witness may not leave
the court without
permission of the
presiding judge
notwithstanding that he
has finished testifying.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 168-1

The party, agent,
defense attorney, or
assistant may be present
at the time a witness, an
expert witness, or an
interpreter is being
examined.

The court shall send
notice in advance
regarding the date, time,
and place of examination
specified in preceding
section, unless the
unwillingness of being
present had been
declared ahead of time.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 169

If a presiding judge foresees that a witness, an expert witness, or the other co-defendants will not freely state what he knows in the presence of the accused, he may, after considering the opinion of the public prosecutor and defense attorney, order the accused to leave the court, provided that after the testimony is concluded, the accused shall be ordered to reenter the court and the

important points of the
testimony shall be
related to him. Also, the
accused shall be offered
the opportunity to
examine or to confront
that person.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 170	An associate judge who participates in a trial by panel of judges may, after informing the presiding judge, examine an accused, or examine a witness or expert
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witness by applying
mutatis mutandis the
provisions of section IV
of Article 166 and section
II of Article 166-6.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 171 The provisions of Articles
164 through 170 shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to a court or
commissioned judge in
making examination
according to the
provisions of section I of
Article 273, or Article 276

prior to the trial date.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 172 (Deleted)

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 173 (Deleted)

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 174 (Deleted)

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Section 2 - WITNESS

Article 175

A witness shall be called
to testify by a subpoena.

A subpoena shall contain
the following matters:

(1) Full name, sex,

domicile and residence

of the witness;

(2) Principal facts of the

case to be testified;

(3) Date, hour, and place

of appearance;

(4) That the witness may

be fined or an arrest

warrant may be issued if

he fails to appear without

good reason;

(5) That the witness may
request daily fees and
traveling expenses.

A subpoena shall be
signed by the public
prosecutor during the
stage of investigation or
by the presiding judge or
commissioned judge
during the stage of the
trial.

A subpoena shall be
served at least
twenty-four hours before
the date of appearance
unless the
circumstances are
urgent.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 176 The provisions of Articles
72 and 73 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to the
subpoenaing of a
witness.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 176-1 Everyone shall have the
obligation to be a witness
in other's case unless
otherwise provided by
law.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 176-2 In case a court deems it
is necessary to
subpoena a witness due
to the motion of the
party, agent, defense
attorney, or assistant,
the person making the
motion shall urge the
witness to be present.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 177 If a witness is unable to

appear or there are other
necessary
circumstances, after
considering the opinion
of the party or defense
attorney, he may be
examined where he is
found or in the court of
the judicial district in
which he resides.

In circumstances
specified in the
preceding section, if
there is audio and video
transmission technical
equipments that can
communicate between
the place where the
witness is located and

the court, the court may
conduct the examination
by utilizing the said
technology if the court
deems appropriate to do
so.

In conducting the
examination specified in
the preceding two
sections, the party,
defense attorney, and
agent may be present
and may examine the
witness; the court shall
send notice in advance
regarding the date and
place of examination.

The provisions of the
preceding two sections

shall apply mutatis

mutandis to the

investigation stage.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 178

A legally subpoenaed

witness who fails to

appear without good

reason may be imposed

a pecuniary penalty of

not more than thirty

thousand NT; in addition,

he may be arrested with

a warrant; if he fails to

appear when being

subpoenaed again, the

same rule may be
applied.

The pecuniary penalty
specified in the
preceding section shall
be imposed by a ruling of
the court; if the witness is
subpoenaed by a public
prosecutor, the said
court shall be requested
to make a ruling.

An interlocutory appeal
may be taken from the
ruling specified in the
preceding section.

The provisions of Articles
77 through 83 and 89
through 91 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to the

arrest of a witness with a
warrant.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 179 In examining a witness
who is or was a public
official on matters which
should be kept
confidential for official
reasons, the permission
of the competent
supervising public office
or officer must be
obtained.

The permission specified
in the preceding section

may not be withheld
unless the testimony
would be harmful to the
interests of the State.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 180

A witness may refuse to
testify under one of the
following circumstances:
(1) The witness is or was
the spouse, lineal blood
relative, blood relative
within the third degree of
kinship, relative by
marriage within the
second degree of

relationship, family head,
or family member of the
accused or private
prosecutor;

(2) The witness is
betrothed to the accused
or private prosecutor;

(3) The witness is or was
the statutory agent of the
accused or private
prosecutor or the
accused or private
prosecutor is or was the
statutory agent of such
witness.

A person who has the
relationship to one or
more accused or private
prosecutors specified in

the preceding section
may not refuse to testify
on matters which relate
only to the other accused
or private prosecutors.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 181

A witness may refuse to
testify if his testimony
may subject himself or
the person having the
relationship to him
specified in section I of
the preceding article to
criminal prosecution or
punishment.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 181-1 A person other than the
accused may not refuse
to testify in
cross-examination on
matters relating to the
accused that has been
revealed in
direct-examination.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 182 A witness who is or was
a medical doctor,

pharmacist, obstetrician,
clergy, lawyer, defense
attorney, notary public,
accountant, or one who
is or was an assistant of
one of such persons and
who because of his
occupation has learned
confidential matters
relating to another may
refuse to testify when he
is questioned unless the
permission of such other
person is obtained.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 183

A witness who refuses to testify shall clearly state the reason for such refusal, provided that if one of the circumstances specified in Article 181 exists, such witness may be ordered to make an affidavit in lieu of stating the reason.

Approval or disapproval of a refusal to testify shall be by order of a public prosecutor during the stage of investigation or by the ruling of a presiding or commissioned judge during the stage of trial.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 184

If there are several
witnesses, they shall be
examined separately;
one who has not been
examined may not be
present without
permission.

If it is necessary to
discover the truth,
witnesses may be
ordered to confront each
other or the accused,
and such a confrontation
between witnesses may

also be ordered at the
request of the accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 185

In examining a witness,
his identity and whether
he has the relationship to
an accused or private
prosecutor specified in
section I of Article 180
must first be
investigated.

If a witness is found to
have the relationship to
an accused or private
prosecutor specified in

section I of Article 180,
he shall be informed that
he may refuse to testify.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 186

A witness shall be
ordered to make an
affidavit that he will tell
the truth unless one of
the following
circumstances exists:
(1) He is under the
sixteenth year of his age;
(2) He is unable,
because of mental
disability, to understand

the meaning and effect
of an affidavit.

If a witness is under the
circumstances specified
in Article 181, he shall be
informed that he may
refuse to testify.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 187

Before a witness signs
an affidavit to tell the
truth, he shall be
informed of the
obligation which it
imposes and the
punishment for perjury.

A witness who is not
required to sign an
affidavit to tell the truth
shall be informed that he
must tell the truth without
concealment,
qualification, addition, or
modification.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 188

An affidavit to tell the
truth shall be signed
before an examination
starts, provided that if
doubt exists as to
whether such affidavit is

required, it may be
ordered to be signed
after the examination.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 189

An affidavit to tell the
truth shall state that the
testimony to be given is
based upon actual facts
without concealment,
qualification, addition, or
modification; if an
affidavit to tell the truth is
signed after an
examination, it shall
state that the testimony

given was based upon

actual facts without

concealment,

qualification, addition, or

modification.

A witness shall be

ordered to read aloud an

affidavit to tell the truth; if

the witness cannot read,

the clerk shall be order to

read aloud the affidavit to

him and, if necessary, its

meaning shall be

explained.

A witness shall be

ordered to place his

signature, seal, or

fingerprint on the

affidavit to tell the truth.

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If the witness is
examined by utilizing
technical equipments
specified in section II of
Article 177, the context
of the affidavit to tell the
truth may be transmitted
to the court, or public
prosecutor's office by
electronic facsimile or
other technical
equipments followed by
the original.

The rules governing the
examination of a witness
and the transmission of
the content of affidavit to
tell the truth specified in
section II of Article 177

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and the preceding
section shall be set up by
the Judicial Yuan and the
Executive Yuan jointly.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 190

A witness who is
examined may be
ordered to relate the
facts of the matter about
which he is being
examined in order from
beginning to end.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 191 (Deleted)

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 192 The provisions of Article
74 and 99 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to the
examination of a
witness.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 193 A witness who refuses
without good reason to
sign an affidavit to tell

the truth or to testify may
be imposed a pecuniary
penalty of not more than
three thousand NT; the
same rule shall apply to
a witness who is required
to sign an affidavit under
the proviso of section I of
Article 183, but who
makes a false statement
in the affidavit.

The provisions of
sections II and III of
Article 178 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to the
measures specified in
the preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 194

A witness may request
legally fixed daily fees
and traveling expenses
unless he was arrested
with a warrant or has
refused without good
reason to sign an
affidavit to tell the truth or
to testify.

The request specified in
the preceding section
shall be made to a court
within ten days after
completion of the
examination, provided
that a request for

traveling expenses may
be made in advance.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 195	A presiding judge or public prosecutor may request the judge or public prosecutor of a place where a witness is found to examine him; if the witness cannot be found at such place, the judge or public prosecutor of such place may in turn make such request of a judge or
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public prosecutor of a
place where the accused
may be found.

The provision of section
III of Article 177 shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to the requisitioned
examination of the
witness.

A requisitioned judge or
public prosecutor who
examines a witness shall
have the same rights as
the presiding judge or
public prosecutor of the
court in which the case is
pending.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 196

A witness shall not be
called to testify again
where has been legally
examined by a judge,
and the parties has been
offered the opportunity to
cross examine witness,
whose statement is clear
and definite, and there is
no necessity for further
examination.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 196-1

A judicial police officer or

judicial policeman may,
for the purposes of
investigating the
circumstances of an
offense and collecting
evidence, may use
written notification to
summon the witness for
interrogation if
necessary.

The provisions of section
II of Article 71-1, Article
73, Article 74, Items I
through III of section II
and section IV of Article
175, section I and
section III of Article 177,
Articles 179 through 182,
Article 184, Article 185

and Article 192 shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to the summons and
interrogation of witness
specified in preceding
section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Section 3 - EXPERT WITNESSES AND
INTERPRETERS

Article 197 Except as otherwise
provided in this Section
an expert witness is
subject mutatis mutandis
to the provisions of the
preceding Section

relating to a witness.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 198

A presiding judge,
commissioned judge, or
public prosecutor may
select one or more
expert witnesses from
the following:

(1) A person who has
special knowledge and
experience concerning
the matter which
requires expert opinion;

(2) A person who is
commissioned by a

public office to perform
duties of an expert
witness.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 199 An expert witness shall

not be arrested with a

warrant.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 200 A party may object to an

expert witness for the

same reasons as those

which he may motion for

the disqualification of a judge, provided that the fact that he has already been a witness or an expert witness in that particular case may not constitute a reason for objection.

A party may not object to an expert witness after he has testified or made a report regarding a matter which requires expert opinion, provided that this limitation does not apply if the reason therefor arose or became known thereafter.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 201

If an objection is made to
an expert witness, the
reason for such objection
and the facts specified in
the proviso of section II
of the preceding article
shall be clearly indicated.
Approval or disapproval
of an objection to an
expert witness shall be
made by order of a
public prosecutor during
the stage of investigation
or by a ruling of the

presiding or
commissioned judge
during the stage of trial.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 202

An expert witness shall
sign an affidavit to tell
the truth before giving
expert testimony; such
affidavit shall state that
such testimony is
impartial and honest.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 203

If necessary, a presiding
or commissioned judge
or public prosecutor may
permit an expert witness
to make an expert
examination outside the
court.

The thing which requires
an expert examination
may be given to an
expert witness under the
circumstances specified
in the preceding section.

If expert examination of
the mental or physical
condition of an accused
is necessary, such
accused may be sent to
a hospital or other

suitable establishment
for a prescribed period
not more than seven
days.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 203-1	A writ of detention for expert examination shall be issued for the circumstances specified in section III of the preceding article, unless the person being examined has been arrested with or without a warrant and the period is
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within twenty-four hours

since the arrest.

A writ of detention for

expert examination shall

contain the following

matters:

(1) Full name, sex, age,

birth place, domicile or

residence of the

accused;

(2) Offense charged;

(3) The matter which

requires expert

examination;

(4) The establishment

that the accused shall be

detained and the

prescribed period of

detention;

(5) The relief that an accused can seek if he disagrees with the decision on detention for expert examination.

The provision of section III of Article 71 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the writ of detention for expert examination.

A writ of detention for expert examination shall be signed by a judge. A public prosecutor may apply the court to issue a writ of detention for expert examination if necessary.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 203-2 Detention of an accused
for expert examination
shall be executed by a
judicial policeman who
shall send the accused
to the detaining
establishment. The
administrative staff in
charge thereof shall,
after examining the
identity of the accused,
make a remark regarding
the date and time of
receiving on the writ and
sign thereon.

The provisions of Article
89 and 90 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to the
execution of writ of
detention of expert
examination.

In executing the
detention for expert
examination, the writ of
detention for expert
examination shall be
sent to the public
prosecutor, expert
witness, defense
attorney, accused and
relative or friend
appointed by the
accused.

A court or public

prosecutor may muto
proprio or upon the
application of the
administrative staff of the
detaining establishment
order that the accused
be guarded by a
policeman, if it is
necessary for the
execution of detention
for expert examination.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 203-3 The court may during the
stage of trial, muto
proprio, or during the

stage of investigations,
upon the application of a
public prosecutor, extend
or reduce the prescribed
period for detention for
expert examination by a
ruling, provided that the
extension made thereof
shall not exceed two
months.

The court may, during
the stage of trial, *mutuo
proprio*, or during the
stage of investigation,
upon application of a
public prosecutor,
change the place of
detention by a ruling,
provided that the change

is necessary for safety
purposes or other good
reasons.

The public prosecutor,
expert witness, defense
attorney, accused and
relative or friend
appointed by the
accused shall be notified
of the rulings of the court
specified in preceding
two sections.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 203-4

If an accused is subject
to the execution of the

expert examination
specified in section III of
Article 203, the days
spent in detention for
expert examination shall
be counted against the
days for detention.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 204	If an expert examination is necessary, an expert witness may physically examine a person, conduct an autopsy, destroy a thing or enter into an occupied or
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guarded dwelling or
other premises with the
permission of the
presiding or
commissioned judge or
public prosecutor.

The provisions of Article
127, Articles 146 through
149, Article 215, section I
of Article 216 and Article
217 shall apply mutatis
mutandis to the
circumstances specified
in the preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 204-1

A written permission is required for the permission of expert examination specified in section I of the preceding article, unless the expert examination is conducted in the presence of the presiding judge, commissioned judge or public prosecutor.

A written permission

shall contain the

following matters:

(1) Offense charged;

(2) The person subject to

physical examination or

body subject to autopsy,

the thing to be
destroyed, or the
occupied or guarded
dwelling or other
premises to be entered
into;

(3) Matter that needs
expert opinion;

(4) Full name of the
expert witness;

(5) The period within
which the permitted
action has to be
executed.

A written permission
shall be signed, during
the stage of
investigation, by a public
prosecutor, and during

the stage of trial, by a
presiding judge or a
commissioned judge.

Appropriate conditions
may be added to the
terms of a written
permission specified in
section I of this article for
physical examination.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 204-2 An expert witness shall

display the written

permission specified in

section I of the preceding

article together with

document for his identity
at the time of execution
of the measures
specified in section I of
Article 204.

A written permission for
expert examination may
not be executed after
expiration date, the
same shall be returned
to the issuing authority.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 204-3

A person other than the
accused may be
imposed a pecuniary

penalty of not more than
thirty thousand NT if he
refuses to be physically
examined as specified in
section I of Article 204
without justified reasons;
he is also subject mutatis
mutandis to the provision
of sections II and III of
Article 178.

In case the measures
specified in section I of
Article 204 is refused,
the presiding judge,
commissioned judge, or
public prosecutor may
lead the expert witness
to execute it; the
provisions of the Section

of Inspections shall apply
mutatis mutandis to this
section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 205

If an expert examination
is necessary, an expert
witness may examine
the record or exhibits
with the permission of
the presiding or
commissioned judge or
public prosecutor; such
witness may request that
the record or exhibits be
collected or produced.

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An expert witness may
request the court or
public prosecutor to
examine an accused or
private prosecutor or
witness and the
permission to be present
and question them
directly.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

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Article 205-1	If an expert examination is necessary, an expert witness may gather samples of body fluid, feces, blood, hair, or
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other bodily growth or
bodily appendages, and
to take fingerprint,
footprint, voice sampler,
handwriting, photo or
other actions of like kind
with the permission of
the presiding or
commissioned judge or
public prosecutor.

The measures specified
in the preceding section
shall be specified in
written permission under
section II of Article
204-1.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 205-2

A public prosecuting
affairs official, judicial
police officer, or judicial
policeman may, for the
purposes of investigating
the circumstances of an
offense and collecting
evidence, if necessary,
gather fingerprint,
handprint, footprint, and
take picture, height and
the like of a suspect or
an accused arrested with
or without a warrant,
against his will; gathering
samples of hair, saliva,
urine, voice sampler, or

exhalation may be made
if there is probable cause
to believe that the same
can be used as the
evidence of crime.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 206

An expert witness shall
be ordered to make a
report of his findings and
results verbally or in
writing.

If there are several
expert witnesses, they
may be ordered to make
a joint report, but if their

opinions differ, they shall
be required to make
separate reports.

If a report of an expert
witness is submitted in
writing, he may be
required to explain it
verbally if necessary.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 206-1 A court or public
prosecutor may notify
the party, agent, or
defense attorney for his
presence at the expert
examination if

necessary.

The provision of section

II of Article 168 shall

apply mutatis mutandis

to the circumstances

specified in the

preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 207

If an expert examination

is incomplete, the

number of expert

witnesses may be

increased or another

expert witness may be

ordered to continue it or

begin it anew.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 208 A court or public

prosecutor may request

a hospital, school, or

other suitable

establishment or group

to make an expert

examination or to review

the examination of

another expert witness;

also, subject mutatis

mutandis to the

provisions of Articles 203

through Article 206-1; if a

report or explanation
should be made verbally,
the person who actually
made an expert
examination or the
person who reviewed the
examination of another
expert witness may be
ordered to do it.

The provisions of section
I of Article 163, Articles
166 through 167-7, and
Article 202 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to the
circumstances of verbal
report or explanation
made by the person who
actually made an expert
examination or the

person who reviewed the
examination of another
expert witness as
specified in the
preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 209

In addition to daily fees
and traveling expenses
fixed by law, an expert
witness may request
from the court
appropriate
compensation and
expenses for making an
expert examination, the

latter can be requested
in advance.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 210	Provisions relating to witnesses shall apply mutatis mutandis to the examination of a person who because of special knowledge is acquainted with past facts.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 211	The provisions of this
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Section shall apply
mutatis mutandis to an
interpreter.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Section 4 - INSPECTIONS

Article 212 A court or public
prosecutor may make an
inspection in order to
investigate the evidence
or circumstances of an
offense.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 213

An inspection may

include the following

measures:

(1) Examining the place

of the offense or other

place connected

therewith;

(2) Physically examining

a person;

(3) Examining a corpse;

(4) Conducting an

autopsy;

(5) Examining property

connected with the case;

(6) Performing other

necessary measures.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 214

A witness or expert

witness may be ordered

to be present at the time

of an inspection.

A party, an agent, or a

defense attorney may be

notified to be present at

the time of an inspection

to be conducted by

public prosecutor, if

necessary.

The party, agent or

defense attorney shall be

notified in advance of the

date, time, and place of

conducting inspection,

unless unwillingness to

be present had been
clearly stated or
emergent circumstances
exist.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 215	Examination of a person other than an accused may be made only if there is probable cause to believe that it is necessary in investigating the circumstances of the offense. The person specified in
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the preceding section
may be subpoenaed to
be present or to go to
other designated
establishment for
inspection, subject
mutatis mutandis to the
provisions of Articles 72,
73, 175 and 178.

In examining the person
of a female, a medical
doctor or a woman shall
be ordered to conduct it.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 216

The identity of a corpse

shall be clearly
determined before it is
examined or an autopsy
is conducted.

In examining a corpse, a
medical doctor or
examining official shall
be ordered to conduct it.

In conducting an
autopsy, a medical
doctor shall be ordered
to do it.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 217

In order to examine a
corpse or to conduct an

autopsy, a corpse or part
of it may be retained
temporarily or a coffin or
grave opened.

A spouse or relative
residing in the same
house or nearest relative
of a deceased shall be
notified that he may
attend an examination of
a corpse, autopsy, or
opening of a coffin or
grave.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 218

If a person dies or is

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suspected of dying from
an unnatural cause, the
public prosecutor having
competent jurisdiction
shall immediately
examine him.

A public prosecutor may
order a public
prosecuting affairs
official, together with a
coroner, a doctor, or an
examining official, to
conduct the examination
specified in the
preceding section; if it is
apparent that there is no
suspicion of an offense
committed, the public
prosecutor may instruct

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a judicial police office,
together with a coroner,
a doctor, or an
examining official to
conduct the examination.

When completing the
examination as specified
in the preceding section,
the case file and
evidence associated with
the examination shall be
immediately reported to
the public prosecutor; if
there is suspicion that a
crime has been
committed, the public
prosecutor shall continue
to conduct the necessary
inspection and

investigation.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 219 The provisions of Articles
127, 132, 146 through
151, and 153 of this code
shall apply mutatis
mutandis to an
inspection.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Section 5 - PERPETUATION OF EVIDENCE

Article 219-1 If it is apprehended that
the evidence may be

destroyed, forged,
altered, concealed, or
hard to be used, the
complainant, suspect,
accused, or defense
attorney may, during the
stage of investigation,
apply to the public
prosecutor to conduct a
search, seizure, expert
examination, inspection,
examination of a
witness, or other
necessary perpetuating
measures.

A public prosecutor shall
make perpetuating
measures within five
days of receiving the

application specified in
the preceding section,
unless the application is
deemed illegal or
unsupported by good
reason and is overruled.

If the public prosecutor
overrules the application
specified in the
preceding section, or
fails to make any
perpetuation measures
within the period
specified in the
preceding section, the
applicant may apply
directly to the court with
proper jurisdiction for
perpetuation of

evidence.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 219-2 The court shall, by a

ruling, after consulting

with the public

prosecutor, overrule the

application specified in

section III of the

preceding article, if the

application does not

comply with legal

formality or it shall not be

granted as a matter of

law, or it is not supported

by good reason,

provided that where the
deficiency in legal
formality is amendable,
the court shall order an
amendment to be made
within a prescribed
period.

The court shall grant the
application for
perpetuation of evidence
by a ruling, if the court
determined that it is
supported by good
reason.

No interlocutory appeals
may be taken from the
rulings specified in the
preceding two sections.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 219-3 The application for
perpetuation of evidence
under Article 219-1 shall
be made to the public
prosecutor in the stage
of investigation, provided
that if the case has not
been transferred or
reported to the public
prosecutor, the same
should be made to the
public prosecutor of the
public prosecutor's office
of the district court where
the office of the judicial

police officer or judicial
policeman, investigating
the case located.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 219-4 During the trial at the first
instance, the accused, or
defense attorney may,
before the first trial date,
apply to the court or
commissioned judge for
perpetuation of evidence
if necessary; in case of
emergency, the said
application may be made
to the district court where

the person, to be
examined, resides or the
evidence is located.

The same rule specified
in the preceding section
shall apply to the case
when prior to the first trial
date the public
prosecutor or private
prosecutor deems it is
necessary to perpetuate
the evidence.

The provision of section
II of Article 279 shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to the circumstance
when a commissioned
judge deems it is
necessary to perpetuate

the evidence.

The court shall, by a ruling, immediately overrule the application for perpetuation of evidence if the application does not comply with legal formality, or it shall not be granted as a matter of law, or it is not supported by good reason, provided that where the deficiency in legal formality is amendable, the court shall order an amendment to be made within a prescribed period.

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The court or the
commissioned judge
shall grant the
application for
perpetuation of evidence
by a ruling, if the court or
the commissioned judge
determines that it is
supported by good
reason.

No interlocutory appeals
may be taken from the
rulings specified in the
preceding two sections.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

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Article 219-5

Application for

perpetuation of evidence

shall be made in writing.

The written application

for perpetuation of

evidence shall contain

the following matters:

(1) Brief statement of the
case;

(2) The evidence to be
perpetuated and the
method of perpetuation;

(3) The fact to be proven
by the evidence;

(4) The reason for such
perpetuation of
evidence.

Reason for Item IV of the
preceding section shall

be clearly indicated.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 219-6 A complainant, a

suspect, an accused, a

defense attorney, or an

agent may be present at

the time of the

perpetuation of evidence

executed upon his

application, unless it is

apprehended that his

presence shall be

harmful to the execution

of perpetuation of

evidence.

The person who may be present at the time of execution of perpetuation of evidence in the preceding section shall be notified of the date, time and place of the same, unless the existence of emergent circumstances makes the timely notification impossible, or the suspect or accused is in detention.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 219-7

During the stage of
investigation, the
evidence perpetuated
shall be kept by the
public prosecutor
concerned, provided that
if the case is currently
investigated by a judicial
police officer or judicial
policeman, under a
ruling of the court
granting the perpetuation
of evidence, the
evidence so perpetuated
shall be kept by the
public prosecutor of the
office of public
prosecutor in the district
court where the office of

the judicial police officer
or judicial policeman is
located.

During the stage of trial,
the evidence perpetrated
shall be kept by the court
ordered such
perpetration, provided
that if the case is
pending in other court,
the said evidence shall
be delivered to that
court.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

evidence shall subject
mutatis mutandis to the
provisions of this
chapter, the preceding
chapter and Article 248,
unless otherwise
provided.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER XIII DECISIONS

Article 220 A decision shall be in the
form of a ruling unless
this Code provides that it
shall be in the form of a
judgment.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 221 A judgment shall be

based on the oral

arguments of the parties

unless there is a special

provision to the contrary.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 222 A ruling on a motion

made in open court shall

be based on the oral

statements of the

parties.

If necessary, the court

may investigate the facts
before making a ruling.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 223

A judgment shall set
forth the reasons
therefor; the same rule
shall apply to rulings to
which there may be an
interlocutory appeal or to
rulings dismissing a
motion.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 224

A judgment shall be pronounced unless there has been no oral argument.

Only rulings in open court shall be pronounced.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 225

A judgment shall be pronounced by reading aloud the syllabus, explaining its meaning, and stating the principal parts of the reasons.

A ruling shall be

pronounced by
explaining its meaning
and, if there are
explanatory reasons, by
stating the reasons.

A judgment or ruling to
be pronounced pursuant
to the preceding two
sections shall be
published on the next
day after its
pronouncement, and the
party shall also be
notified of the same.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 226

If a written decision is required, the original thereof shall be given to the clerk on the same day it is pronounced, provided that if a judgment is pronounced on the date the verbal argument is ending, then it shall be given within five days thereafter.

The clerk shall make note regarding the date of receipt on the original of the decision and sign thereon.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 227

If there is a written decision, a true copy of the written decision shall be served on the parties, agent, defense attorney, or other persons concerned unless otherwise specially provided.

The service specified in the preceding section shall be made not later than seven days after the original copy is received.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly

and order the public
prosecuting affairs
official, judicial police
officer specified in Article
230, or judicial
policeman specified in
Article 231 to investigate
the circumstances of the
offense, to collect
evidence and to submit
report thereof; the case
file and evidence may be
delivered thereto at the
same time if necessary.

In the course of an
investigation, an
accused shall not be first
summoned or
interrogated unless

necessary.

An accused who

appears by complying

with a summons,

voluntary surrender, or

on his free will may be

released on bail, or to

the custody of another,

or with a limitation on his

residence, if the public

prosecutor, after

examining the accused,

considers that one of the

circumstances specified

in the items of section I

of Article 101 or the

items of section I of

Article 101-1 exists but

application for detention

is unnecessary, provided
that if detention is
considered necessary,
the accused may be
arrested without a
warrant, and be informed
of the fact thereof
followed by an
application for detention
filed with the court. The
provisions of sections II,
III and V of Article 93
shall apply mutatis
mutandis to this section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 229

Each of the following
officials shall act as
judicial police officer
within his respective
judicial district and has
the duty and power of
assisting a public
prosecutor in
investigating an offense:

(1) Director General of
National Police Agency,
Commissioner of Police
Department, General
Commander of Peace
Preservation Police
Corps;

(2) A military police
superior;

(3) A person authorized

by law to exercise the
duty and power of a
judicial police officer, as
specified in the
preceding two items, in
special matters.

The judicial police officer
specified in the
preceding section shall
send the result of the
investigation to the
public prosecutor; if the
said officer has taken the
custody of the suspect
arrested with or without a
warrant, he shall send
the suspect to the
competent public
prosecutor unless

otherwise provided by
the law, provided that if
ordered by the public
prosecutor, the suspect
shall be sent
immediately.

An accused, or suspect
shall not be sent without
first being arrested with
or without a warrant.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 230

Each of the following
officials is considered to
be a judicial police officer
and shall obey the

instructions of a public

prosecutor in

investigating an offense:

(1) A commissioned

police officer;

(2) A military police

officer or petty officer;

(3) A person authorized

by law to exercise the

duty and power of a

judicial police officer in

special matters.

The judicial police officer

specified in the

preceding section who

suspects that an offense

has been committed

shall initiate an

investigation

immediately and report
the results thereof to the
competent public
prosecutor and the
judicial police officer
referred to in the
preceding article.

The scene of the crime
may be closed to public
and inspection taken
immediately, if it is
necessary for
investigation specified in
the preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 231

Each of the following
officials is considered to
be a judicial policeman
and shall obey the orders
of a public prosecutor or
judicial police officer in
investigating an offense:

- (1) A policeman;
- (2) A military policeman;
- (3) A person authorized
by law to exercise the
duty and power of a
judicial policeman in
special matters.

A judicial policeman who
suspects that an offense
has been committed
shall initiate an
investigation

immediately and report
the results thereof to the
competent public
prosecutor and judicial
police officer.

The scene of the crime
may be closed to the
public and inspection
taken immediately, if it is
necessary for
investigation specified in
the preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 231-1

If a public prosecutor
considers that the case

sent or reported by the
judicial police officer or
judicial policeman has
not been investigated
completely; the case file
and evidence may be
returned for more
information or be sent to
other judicial police
officer or judicial
policeman for
investigation. The judicial
police officer or judicial
policeman shall send or
report the result after
completing
supplementary
investigation.

A public prosecutor may

set up a time period for
supplementary
investigation specified in
the preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 232 The victim of a crime
may file a complaint.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 233 A statutory agent or
spouse of the victim may
file an independent
complaint.

If a victim is dead, a
complaint may be filed
by spouse, lineal blood
relative, collateral blood
relative within the third
degree of kinship,
relative by marriage
within the second degree
of relationship, family
head, or family member,
provided that the
complaint may not be
contrary to the clearly
expressed opinion of the
victim in a case
chargeable only upon
complaint.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 234

A complaint may not be
filed for the offense
against morals specified
in Article 230 of the
Criminal Code except by
one of the following
persons:

- (1) A lineal blood
ascendant of the parties;
- (2) A spouse or his lineal
blood ascendant.

A complaint may not be
filed for the offense
against marriage and
family specified in Article
239 of the Criminal Code

except by a spouse.

A complaint may not be

filed for the offense

against marriage and

family specified in

section II of Article 240 of

the Criminal Code

except by a spouse.

A complaint may also be

filed for the offense

against personal liberty

specified in Article 298 of

the Criminal Code by an

abducted person's lineal

blood relative, collateral

blood relative within the

third degree of kinship,

relative by marriage

within the second degree

of relationship, family

head, or family member.

A complaint may be filed

for the offense of libel

and against credit

specified in Article 312 of

the Criminal Code by a

spouse, lineal blood

relative, collateral blood

relative within the third

degree of kinship,

relative by marriage

within the second degree

of relationship, family

head, or family member

of a deceased person.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 235

If a statutory agent of the
victim or if the spouse,
blood relative within the
fourth degree of kinship,
relative by marriage
within the third degree of
relationship, family head,
or family member of such
statutory agent is the
accused, the victim's
lineal blood relative,
collateral blood relative
within the third degree of
kinship, relative by
marriage within the
second degree of
relationship, family head,

or family member may
independently file a
complaint.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 236

Where there is no person
competent to file a
complaint, or a person
competent to file a
complaint is
incapacitated from
exercising his right of
complaint, in a case
chargeable only upon
complain, the competent
public prosecutor may, at

the request of an
interested party or ex
officio, designate a
person for filing the
complaint.

The provision of the
proviso of section II of
Article 233 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to this
Article.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 236-1	A complaint may be filed by an authorized agent, provided that the public prosecutor or judicial
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police officer may order
the complainant to be
present, if necessary.

A power of attorney shall
be presented to public
prosecutor or judicial
police officer for the
authorization of agent to
file complaint specified in
the preceding section; it
is also subject mutatis
mutandis to the
provisions of Article 28
and 32.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 236-2

The provisions of the preceding article and Article 271-1 shall not apply to the case of designation of a person for filing the complaint.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 237

In a case chargeable only upon complaint, the complaint must be filed within six months from the day a person entitled to complain was aware of the identity of the offender.

If one of several persons
who may file a complaint
delays beyond the
prescribed period, such
delay shall not affect
another.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 238

In a case chargeable
only upon complaint, the
complaint may be
withdrawn at any time
before the conclusion of
the argument in the trial
of the first instance.

A complainant who

withdraws a complaint

shall not file it again.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 239

In a case chargeable

only upon complaint, the

filing or withdrawal of a

complaint against one of

several co-offenders has

the same effect as a

filing or withdrawal of the

complaint against all

such co-offenders,

provided that if the

offense is one specified

in Article 239 of the

Criminal Code, the
withdrawal of a
complaint against a
spouse shall not be
considered to be a
withdrawal of a
complaint against the
other adulterer.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 240 Any person who knows
that there is suspicion
that an offense has been
committed may report it.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 241 A public official who, in
the execution of his
official duties, learns that
there is suspicion that an
offense has been
committed must report it.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 242 A complaint or report
shall be made in writing
or verbally to a public
prosecutor or judicial
police officer; if it is made
verbally, records shall be

taken. To facilitate verbal
complaint or report, bells
for effecting the same
may be installed.

If a public prosecutor of
judicial police officer in
the course of an
investigation discovers
all or a part of the facts of
an offense which may be
charged only upon
complaint but the
complaint has not yet
been filed, he shall,
when the victim or other
person entitled to file the
complaint appears to
testify, interrogate such
person whether to file the

complaint and shall

record the answer.

The provisions of

sections II through IV of

Article 41 and Article 43

shall apply mutatis

mutandis to the records

specified in the

preceding two sections.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 243

In a case chargeable

only upon request as

specified in Articles 116

and 118 of the Criminal

Code, the request made

by a foreign government
may be forwarded by the
Minister of Foreign
Affairs to the highest
judicial administrative
officer who shall inform
the competent public
prosecutor by an order.

The provisions of Articles
238 and 239 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to a
request by a foreign
government.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 244

The provisions of Article

242 shall apply mutatis
mutandis to voluntary
surrender to a public
prosecutor or judicial
police officer.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 245

An investigation shall not
be public.

The defense attorney of
an accused or suspect
may be present and
state his opinion when a
public prosecutor, public
prosecuting affairs
official, judicial police

officer, judicial policeman
examines the accused or
suspect, provided that if
facts exist sufficient to
justify an apprehension
that such presence may
jeopardize national
security or destroy,
fabricate, alter evidence
or form a conspiracy with
a co-offender or witness,
or may be detrimental to
the reputation of others,
or that the behavior of
the defense attorney is
so inappropriate that it
would interfere with the
order of the
investigation, such

presence may be limited
or prohibited.

The public prosecutor,
public prosecuting affairs
official, judicial police
officer, judicial
policeman, defense
attorney, agent of the
complainant, or any
other person performing
his duty under law during
the investigation shall
not disclose whatsoever
information acquired
through the performance
of the duty during the
investigation, unless
otherwise permitted by
law, or it is necessary for

the protection of public
interest or legitimate
interest.

The time, date, and
place of the examination
of an accused or suspect
during the investigation
shall be notified to the
defense attorney unless
urgent circumstances
exist.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 246

An accused may be
examined where he is
found if he is unable to

be present or if other
necessity requires.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 247	A public prosecutor may request from a competent public office any report necessary to an investigation.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 248	If an accused is present when a witness or expert witness is examined, he
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may personally ask
questions; if the
questions are improper,
the public prosecutor
may prohibit them.

If it is foreseen that a
witness or expert witness
cannot be examined at
trial, the accused shall
be ordered to be present
unless such witness or
expert witness cannot
testify freely in his
presence.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 248-1

When a victim is
examined during the
stage of investigation,
his statutory agent,
spouse, lineal blood
relative, collateral blood
relative within the third
degree of kinship, family
head, family member
may be present and
state their opinion
therein; the same rule
shall apply to the
examination conducted
by a judicial police officer
or judicial policeman.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 249

If an emergency arises in the course of investigation, the person present or nearby may be ordered to give appropriate assistance; if necessary, a public prosecutor may also request a nearby military officer to send troops to assist.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 250

If a public prosecutor knows that there is

suspicion that an offense
has been committed but
the case is not within his
jurisdiction, or if he finds
that the case is not within
his jurisdiction after
having begun an
investigation, he shall
immediately notify or
send the case to the
competent public
prosecutor, provided that
if there is an emergency,
he shall take necessary
measures.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 251

If the evidence obtained
by a public prosecutor in
the course of
investigation is sufficient
to show that an accused
is suspected of having
committed an offense, a
public prosecution shall
be initiated.

A public prosecution
shall be initiated
notwithstanding that the
location of the accused is
unknown.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 252

If one of the following
circumstances exists, a
ruling not to prosecute
shall be made:

(1) A final judgment has
been rendered;

(2) The period of statute
of limitation has already
expired;

(3) There has already
been an amnesty;

(4) A law enacted after
the commission of an
offense abolishes the
punishment;

(5) The complaint or
request in offenses
chargeable only upon
complaint or request has

been withdrawn or the
time within which a
complaint may be filed
has expired;

(6) The accused is dead;

(7) The court has no
judicial power over the
accused;

(8) The act is not
punishable;

(9) The punishment is
remitted under law;

(10) The suspicion of an
offense having been
committed is insufficient.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 253

If a public prosecutor considers it appropriate not to prosecute a case specified in Article 376 after having taken into consideration the provisions of Article 57 of the Criminal Code, he may make a ruling not to prosecute.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 253-1

If an accused has committed an offense other than those punishable with death

penalty, life imprisonment, or with a minimum punishment of imprisonment for not less than three years, the public prosecutor, after considering the matters specified in Article 57 of the Criminal Code and the maintenance and protection of public interest, deems that a deferred prosecution is appropriate, he may make a ruling to render a deferred prosecution by setting up a period not more than three years and not less than one

year thereof, starting
from the date the ruling
of deferred prosecution
is finalized.

The period of statute of
limitation shall be
discontinued during the
period of deferred
prosecution.

The provisions of section
IV of Article 83 of the
Criminal Code shall not
apply to the reason for
discontinuance specified
in the preceding section.

The proviso of section I
of Article 323 shall not
apply during the period
of deferred prosecution.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 253-2 A public prosecutor in of
making a ruling on
deferred prosecution,
may require the
defendant to comply with
or perform the following
items within a limited
period of time:
(1) Apologize to the
victim;
(2) Make a written
statement of repentance;
(3) Pay to the victim an
appropriate sum as

compensations for
property or non-property
damages;

(4) Pay a certain sum to
governmental account or
a designated non-profit
or local self-governing
organization;

(5) Perform forty to two
hundred and forty hour
community services to a
designated non-profit,
local self-governing
organization, or
community;

(6) Complete drug
addiction treatment,
psychotherapy and
counseling, or other

appropriate treatments;

(7) Comply with the

necessary order for the

protection of the victim's

safety;

(8) Comply with the

necessary order for the

prevention of

recommitting the

offense.

Before a public

prosecutor can order the

defendant to comply or

perform the acts

specified in the items

three through six in the

preceding section, the

defendant's consent

shall be obtained; items

three and four may also
constitute a ground for
civil compulsory
enforcement.

The matters specified in
section I shall be noted
in the written deferred
prosecution.

The period of time
specified in section I
shall not exceed the
period of time allowed for
the deferred prosecution.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 253-3

A public prosecutor may,

ex officio or based on the
application of the
complainant, set aside
the ruling of deferred
prosecution and continue
the investigation or
initiate a prosecution, if
the defendant commits
the following during the
period set forth for
deferred prosecution:
(1) Has intentionally
committed an offense
punishable with a
minimum punishment of
imprisonment during the
period of deferred
prosecution and a
prosecution is initiated

by a public prosecutor;

(2) Has committed other

offense intentionally

before deferred

prosecution and was

sentenced to a minimum

of imprisonment

punishment during the

period of deferred

prosecution;

(3) Has failed to comply

with or perform the

matters specified in the

items of section I of

Article 253-2.

In case a ruling of

deferred prosecution is

set aside by the public

prosecutor, the accused

may not request the

refund of or

compensation for the

part that had already

been performed.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 254

If an accused commits

several offenses for one

of which a final judgment

of severer sentence has

been received, the public

prosecutor may give a

ruling not to prosecute if

he considers that

prosecution for another

offense will not
substantially affect the
execution of sentence.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 255	If a public prosecutor gives a ruling of not to prosecute, deferred prosecution, or to set aside a ruling of deferred prosecution in accordance with the provisions of Article 252, 253, 253-1, 253-3 and 254, or gives a ruling of not to prosecute for other
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legal reasons, he shall
prepare a written ruling
setting forth the reasons
thereof, provided that if
consent of the
complainant or informer
has obtained prior to
making of the ruling, only
important part thereof
has to be noted in the
same.

A true copy of the written
ruling specified in the
preceding section shall
be served on the
complainant, the
informer, the accused,
and the defense
attorney; a written ruling

of deferred prosecution
shall be served on the
victim, governmental
agency, organization, or
community authority
related to acts to be
performed as specified in
the ruling.

The service specified in
the preceding section
shall be made not more
than five days after the
original copy of the ruling
is received by the clerk.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 256

Within seven days after receipt of a written ruling not to prosecute or a written ruling of deferred prosecution, a complainant may make an application in writing for reconsideration of the ruling, setting forth his reasons for dissatisfaction, through the original public prosecutor to the chief public prosecutor for the immediate superior Court or public prosecutor general; provided that if consent of the complainant has

been obtained prior to
the ruling was made
under Articles 253 and
253-1, he may not make
application for
reconsideration.

Where a reconsideration
of a ruling not to
prosecute or a written
ruling of deferred
prosecution may be
applied for, the period
within which an
application for such a
reconsideration may be
made and the chief
public prosecutor of the
immediate superior court
or the public prosecutor

general to whom the
application is to be
submitted shall be noted
in the true copy of the
written ruling served
upon the complainant.

When a public
prosecutor makes a
ruling not to prosecute
on a case where the
offense charged is
punishable with death
penalty, life
imprisonment, or with a
minimum punishment of
imprisonment for not less
than three years due to
the fact that the
suspicion of an offense

having been committed
is sufficient, or when a
public prosecutor makes
a ruling of deferred
prosecution on a case
specified in Article 253-1,
he shall ex officio send
the ruling to the chief
public prosecutor of the
immediate superior court
or the prosecutor general
for reconsideration and,
if there is no person
qualified for submitting
application for
reconsideration, notify
the same to the informer.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 256-1 Within seven days after

receipt of written ruling of

setting aside a ruling of

deferred prosecution an

accused may make an

application in writing for

reconsideration of the

ruling, setting forth his

reasons for

dissatisfaction, through

the original public

prosecutor to the chief

public prosecutor for the

immediate superior court

or public prosecutor

general.

The provision of section
II of the preceding article
shall apply mutatis
mutandis to the service
to the accused of the
ruling of setting aside the
ruling of deferred
prosecution.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 257 If the original public
prosecutor considers
that the application for
reconsideration is
well-grounded, he shall
set aside his ruling and

continue the
investigation or initiate a
prosecution except for
the circumstances
specified in the
preceding section.

If the original public
prosecutor considers
that the application for
reconsideration is
groundless, he shall
immediately send the file
and exhibits of the case
to the chief public
prosecutor of the higher
court or the public
prosecutor general.

An application which is
not filed within the time

prescribed in the
preceding two articles
shall be dismissed.
If the chief public
prosecutor of the original
court considers it
necessary, he may,
before the case is
forwarded in accordance
with the provisions of
section II, personally
investigate or order
another public
prosecutor to investigate
or review to determine
whether the original
ruling should be set
aside or upheld; if the
original ruling is upheld,

the case shall
immediately be
forwarded.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 258	If the chief public prosecutor of the higher court or the public prosecutor general considered that an application for reconsideration is groundless, he shall dismiss it; if he considers that the application is well-grounded, he shall
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set aside the original
ruling under the
circumstances specified
in Article 256-1, or
perform one of the
following under the
circumstance specified in
Article 256:
If the investigation is
incomplete, he may
personally investigate or
order another public
prosecutor to investigate,
or order the public
prosecutor of the original
court to continue it;
If the investigation has
been completed, he shall
order the public

prosecutor of the original
court to initiate a
prosecution.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 258-1 If the complainant
disagrees with the ruling
of dismissal specified in
the preceding article, he
may, within ten days
after receipt of written
ruling of dismissal, retain
an attorney to make an
application in writing, to
the concerned court in
first instance, for setting

the case for trial.

An attorney being

retained as referred to in

the preceding section

may examine the file of

the investigation and the

evidence, and to make

hand writing copy or

photos, provided that it

may be restricted or

prohibited if the subject

matter being examined

involves other case that

shall not be disclosed or

shall be kept secret.

The provision of section I

of Article 30 shall apply

mutatis mutandis to the

circumstances specified

in the two preceding
sections.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 258-2 The application for

setting the case for trial

may be withdrawn prior

to the court ruling is

made; the same can be

done after the ruling

setting the case for trial

has been made but prior

to the conclusion of

argument at the trial of

the first instance.

The clerk shall

immediately notify the
accused of the
withdrawal of application
for setting the case for
trial.

The person who
withdraws the application
for setting case for trial
may not re-apply the
same.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 258-3

The ruling on the
application for setting
case for trial shall be
determined by a panel of

judges.

The court shall dismiss
the application for setting
case for trial if the
application is considered
to be illegal or
groundless; the court
shall make a ruling
setting the case for trial if
the application is
considered to be
well-grounded; a true
copy of the ruling shall
be served on the
applicant, the
prosecutor, and the
accused.

The court may conduct
necessary investigation

before making a ruling

specified in the

preceding section.

A public prosecution is

deemed to be initiated at

that time a ruling for

setting the case for trial

is made.

An interlocutory appeal

may be taken, from the

ruling of setting case for

trial, by the accused; the

ruling of dismissal is not

appealable.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 258-4

The provisions of
Section three, Chapter I,
Part II shall apply to the
procedure for setting
case for trial, unless
otherwise provided by
law.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 259

If an accused who is
detained receives a
ruling not to prosecute or
a ruling of deferred
prosecution, the
detention is considered
to be cancelled, the

public prosecutor shall
release the accused and
notify the court
immediately.

If a ruling not to
prosecute or a ruling of
deferred prosecution is
given, seized property
shall be returned
immediately unless
otherwise provided by
law or it is within the
period of
reconsideration, it is in
the process of applying
for reconsideration or
applying for setting case
for trial and necessity
exists, or it is the

property which should be
confiscated or which is
used in the investigation
of another offense or
another accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 259-1

If a ruling not to
prosecute or a ruling of
deferred prosecution is
given by a public
prosecutor in
accordance with the
provisions of Article 253
or 253-1, he may make
separate application to

the court for declaration
of confiscation of the
property used for
committing the offense,
for preparation of
committing the offense,
or acquired from the
commission of the
offense when the
property was owned by
the accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 260

If a ruling not to
prosecute has become
final or if a ruling of

deferred prosecution has
not been set aside during
the period set forth in the
ruling, no prosecution of
the same case shall be
initiated except under
one of the following
conditions:

- (1) New facts or
evidence is discovered;
- (2) Circumstances for
retrial exist as specified
in one of the Items 1, 2,
4, or 5 of section I of
Article 420.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 261

If the question whether
an act constitutes a
crime or whether the
punishment for an
offense should be
remitted depends upon a
civil legal issue, the
public prosecutor shall
suspend the
investigation before
conclusion of the civil
action.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 262

If the accused is
unknown, the

investigation shall not be
concluded before it is
ascertained whether the
circumstances specified
in Article 252 exist.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 263

The provisions of
sections II and III of
Article 255 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to an
indictment filed by a
public prosecutor.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Section 2 - PROSECUTION

Article 264 A public prosecution

shall be initiated by a

public prosecutor by

filing an indictment with a

competent court.

An indictment shall

include the following

matters:

Full name, sex, age,

native place, occupation,

domicile, or residence of

the accused and special

identifying

characteristics;

Facts of and evidence for

the offense and article of

the law violated.

When a prosecution is initiated, the record and exhibits shall be sent therewith to the court.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 265

Prosecution for a related offense or malicious accusation related to the instant case may be added before conclusion of argument at the trial of the first instance.

An additional prosecution may be

verbally initiated with the
court on the trial date.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 266	A prosecution shall not affect a person other than the accused charged by the public prosecutor.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 267	If part of the facts of a crime is prosecuted by a public prosecutor, all
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such facts are
considered to be
included.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 268

A court shall not try a
crime for which
prosecution has not
been initiated.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 269

A public prosecutor may
withdraw prosecution
before conclusion of the

argument at the trial of
the first instance if
circumstances indicate
that prosecution should
not have been initiated or
that it is appropriate not
to prosecute.

Withdrawal of a
prosecution shall be in
writing stating the
reasons therefor.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 270

Withdrawal of a
prosecution shall have
the same effect as a

ruling not to prosecute;
written withdrawal of
prosecution shall be
considered to be a ruling
not to prosecute and the
provisions of Articles 255
through 260 shall apply
mutatis mutandis.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Section 3 - TRIAL

Article 271	The court shall summon the accused or his agent and notify the public prosecutor, defense attorney, or assistant of
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the date of trial.

The court shall summon

the victim or his family

member and provide

them with opportunities

to state their opinions,

unless these persons

failed to be present after

being legally summoned,

without good reason, or

has expressed their

unwillingness to be

present, or that the court

considers it is not

necessary or not

appropriate to summon

them.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 271-1 Complainant may retain

an agent to make

statements at trial

without personally

appearing in court,

provided that the court

may order the

complainant to appear in

court if necessary.

The retention of an agent

as specified in the

preceding section shall

be effected by submitting

a power of attorney to

the court, the provisions

of Articles 28, 32, and 33

shall apply mutatis
mutandis, provided that if
the agent is not a lawyer,
he can not inspect,
examine, make note of
or take photo of the
material in case file and
the evidence in the stage
of trial.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 272

A summons for the first
trial date shall be served
at least seven days prior
thereto, and for the
cases specified in Article

61 of the Criminal Code,
such summons shall be
served at least five days
prior to the first trial date.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 273 The court may summon
the accused or his agent
and notify the public
prosecutor, defense
attorney, assistant to be
present in preliminary
proceeding before the
first trial date to arrange
the following matters:
(1) The effect of the

prosecution and its
scope and any
circumstance that might
change the article of law
charged with as cited by
the public prosecutor;

(2) Asking the accused,
agent, or defense
attorney whether to
plead guilty to the crime
charged by the public
prosecutor, and
determining whether to
apply summary trial
procedure or summary
procedure;

(3) Main issues of the
case and evidence;

(4) The opinion

regarding the

admissibility of the

evidence;

(5) Informing the parties

to motion for

investigation of

evidence;

(6) The scope, order and

methods of investigation

of evidence;

(7) Ordering the

presentation of exhibits

or evidential documents;

(8) Other trial related

matters.

If the court determines,

in accordance with the

provisions of this code,

that the evidence

referred to in Item IV of
the preceding section
shall not be admitted,
then, the said evidence
shall not be presented at
the trial date.

The provision of the
preceding article shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to preliminary
proceeding.

Records shall be taken
by clerk regarding the
matters being arranged
in the proceeding as
specified in section I of
this article, then the
persons at the hearing
shall sign his name, affix

his seal, or affix his
fingerprint on the space
next to the last line of the
contents of the records.

The court may still make
arrangements with those
attending the preliminary
procedure if the person,
referred to in section I of
this article, fails to
appear in the hearing,
after being summoned or
notified, without good
reasons.

If lack of required legal
formality exists in
initiation of prosecution
or other litigation related
acts but such defect can

be cured, the court shall
by a ruling order that the
same be cured within the
period granted.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 273-1 If the accused admits
guilty on the fact
charged, in the
proceeding specified in
section I of the preceding
article, the presiding
judge may inform him of
the meaning of summary
trial procedure and may,
after considering the

opinions of the party's,
agent, defense attorney,
and assistant, order that
the case be proceeded
under the provisions of
summary trial procedure
by a ruling, unless the
accused has committed
an offense punishable
with death penalty, life
imprisonment, or with a
minimum punishment of
imprisonment for not less
than three years or that
the court of appeal has
jurisdiction of the first
instance over the case.

The court may set aside
the ruling specified in the

preceding section and
set the case for trial on
regular procedure if the
court considers that the
said ruling is not
permitted or not
appropriate.

Trial procedure shall
start anew under the
circumstance specified in
the preceding section,
unless the parties do not
object to the continuing
of the current
proceeding.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 273-2

The investigation of
evidence in summary
trial proceeding shall not
be subject to the
restrictions as specified
in section I of Article 159,
Article 161-2, Article
161-3, Article 163-1, and
Articles 164 through 170.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 274

Before the trial date, the
court may subpoena and
obtain or order the
production of an exhibit.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 275 Before the trial date, a
party or defense attorney
may present evidence
and motion the court to
take the measures
specified in the
preceding article.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 276 If the court foresees that
a witness is unable to be
present on the trial date,
it may examine him

before such date.

The court may order an expert examination or a translation before the trial date.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 277

The court may conduct a search, seizure, or inspection prior to the trial date.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 278

The court may request a

competent public office
to submit reports upon
necessary matters prior
to the trial date.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 279

An associate judge may
be commissioned to
conduct preliminary
procedure, prior to the
trial date, to prepare for
the trial of a case which
should be tried by a
panel of judges; he shall
perform the duties
specified in section I of

Article 273, Article 274,
and Articles 276 through
278.

In conducting preliminary
proceeding the
commission judge shall
have the same authority
as the court or presiding
judge, except for the
ruling specified in Article
121.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 280

On the trial date, the
judge, public prosecutor,
and clerk shall be

present in court.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 281

If an accused fails to
appear in court on the
trial date, the trial may
not proceed unless
otherwise specially
provided.

If a case is one in which
an agent may be
authorized to appear for
the accused before a
court, such agent may
appear in place of the
accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 282 Restraint may not be

placed on the person of

an accused when he is in

court, but he may be

ordered to be guarded.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 283 After an accused has

appeared in court, he

may not withdraw from

the court except with

permission of the

presiding judge.

A presiding judge may

take appropriate

measures to order an

accused to appear in

court.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 284

If no defense attorney

appears in the cases

specified in section I of

Article 31, the trial may

not proceed, provided

that this rule shall not

apply to the

pronouncement of

judgment.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 284-1 Trial for the first instance

shall be conducted by a

panel of judges, unless

the case is one of that

applies summary trial

procedure or summary

procedure.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 285 On the trial date, a trial

shall begin by

announcing the offense
charged.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 286 After the presiding judge

has examined the

accused in accordance

with Article 94, the public

prosecutor shall state the

essential points of the

prosecution.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 287 After the essential points

of the prosecution have
been stated by the public
prosecutor, the presiding
judge shall inform the
accused of the matters
specified in Article 95.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 287-1 If the court considers
appropriate, the court
may ex officio or upon
the motion of the party or
defense attorney order,
by a ruling, that the
co-defendant's
procedure of

investigation of evidence
or procedure of the
argument be conducted
separately from or
consolidated together
with that of the
defendant.

Under the circumstance
specified in the
preceding section, the
co-defendant's
procedure of
investigation of evidence
or procedure of the
argument shall be
conducted separately
from that of the
defendant if it is
necessary for the

protection of the right of
the defendant in a case a
conflict of interest exists
between the defendant
and the co-defendant.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 287-2

If the court examines a
co-defendant on a case
that the defendant is
being charged, the
co-defendant shall be
subject mutatis mutandis
to the provision
governing the
examination of a

witness.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 288	Investigation of evidence shall begin after completion of proceeding specified in Article 287. With regarding to the statement made by a person other than the accused which has been presented at the preliminary proceeding but not contested by the party, the court may choose to announce it or
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state the essential
points, unless the court
chooses otherwise if it
considers necessary.

Except for the cases that
apply the summary trial
procedure, the presiding
judge shall examine the
accused regarding the
facts being charged with
at the end of the
investigation of evidence
proceeding.

The presiding judge's
investigation of
information regarding the
sentencing shall be
conducted after the
examination in the

preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 288-1

Following the
investigation of each
evidence, the presiding
judge shall ask the
party's opinion thereof.

The presiding judge shall
inform the accused that
he may present evidence
favorable to him.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 288-2

Appropriate

opportunities shall be
given by the court to the
parties, agent, defense
attorney, or assistant to
argue the probative
value of the evidence.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 288-3

The parties, agent,
defense attorney, or
assistant may object to
the court regarding the
investigation of evidence
or in-court instruction by
the presiding judge or

commissioned judge if

he disagrees with it;

unless otherwise

particularly provided.

The court shall make a

ruling on the objection

specified in the

preceding section.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 289

After the investigation of

evidence has been

completed, arguments

on the law and facts shall

be made in the following

sequence:

Public prosecutor;

Accused;

Defense attorney;

After an argument,

additional argument may

be made; the presiding

judge may also order

further argument.

After the conclusion of

the argument pursuant to

the preceding two

sections, the presiding

judge shall provide the

parties with opportunities

to state opinions

regarding sentencing.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 290

The presiding judge

shall, before announcing

that the argument is

concluded, ask the

accused whether he has

a final statement.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 291

The court may, if it is

necessary after the

argument is concluded,

order further argument.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 292

The judges in attendance on the trial date shall participate throughout the trial; if the judge is changed, the proceedings shall begin anew.

If the judge who conducted the preliminary proceedings prior to the trial date is changed, it is not necessary to begin the proceedings anew.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 293

If a trial cannot be concluded in one session, it shall, except under special circumstances, be continued by successive daily hearings; if for any reason fifteen days intervene between hearings, the proceedings shall being anew.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 294

If an accused is insane,

the trial shall be
suspended until he
recovers.

If an accused is unable
to attend court because
of sickness, the trial shall
be suspended until he is
able to appear in court.

In the case of the
accused specified in one
of the preceding two
sections, if
circumstances appear to
warrant the
pronouncement of a
judgment of "Not Guilty"
or of "Remission of
Punishment," such
judgment may be given

without waiting for the
appearance of the
accused in court.

The provisions of the
preceding three sections
shall not apply to a case
in which an agent may
be authorized to appear
for the accused before a
court and such agent has
been authorized.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 295

If the determination of
one offense depends
upon a determination of

another offense and
such other offense has
already been charged,
the trial may be
suspended until
judgment in the other
offense becomes final.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 296 If an accused has
committed another
offense for which
prosecution has already
been initiated and for
which a severe sentence
shall be given, and if the

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court considers that
punishment for the
current offense will not
seriously influence such
sentence, trial of the
current offense may be
suspended until
judgment in the other
offense becomes final.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

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Article 297

If the question of the
commission of an
offense, or remission of
punishment depends on
a determination under

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civil law, and if the civil
action has already been
initiated, the criminal trial
may be suspended until
the civil proceedings
have been concluded.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 298

Upon extinction of the
causes for suspension of
a trial specified in
sections I and II of Article
294 and Articles 295 to
297, the court shall
continue the trial, and a
party may also motion

the court to continue the
trial.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 299 If an offense committed

by an accused is proved,

judgment imposing a

sentence shall be

pronounced, provided

that if punishment is to

be remitted, a judgment

remitting the punishment

shall be pronounced.

Prior to a judgment

remitting punishment

specified in the

preceding section

pursuant to Article 61 of

the Criminal Code, the

court may, in

consideration of the

circumstances and by

consent of the

complainant or private

prosecutor, also order

the accused to do the

following:

To apologize to the

victim;

To make a written

statement of repentance;

To pay to the victim an

appropriate sum as

consolation.

The matters specified in

the preceding section

shall be noted in the

written judgment.

The matter specified in

Item III of section II may

also constitute a ground

for civil compulsory

execution.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 300

In the judgment specified

in the preceding Article, if

the facts warrant, the

charge brought by the

public prosecutor may be

changed to an

appropriate article of the
law.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 301	If it cannot be proved that an accused has committed an offense or if his act is not punishable, a judgment of "Not Guilty" shall be pronounced. If a person is excused from punishment because he has not reached the fourteenth year of his age or
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because of insanity and
if it is considered
necessary to pronounce
a measure for
rehabilitation, such
measure and its duration
shall also be
pronounced.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 302

Judgment of "Exempt
from Prosecution" shall
be pronounced if one of
the following
circumstances exists:
A final judgment has

already been given;

The period of statute of

limitation is completed;

There is already been an

amnesty;

A law enacted after the

commission of an

offense abolishes the

punishment.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 303

Judgment of "Case Not

Entertained" shall be

pronounced if one of the

following circumstances

exists:

(1) Prosecution has been initiated contrary to the rules of procedure;

(2) Prosecution has again been initiated for a case in which public or private prosecution has already been initiated in the same court;

(3) In a prosecution which may be initiated only upon complaint or request, a complaint or request to prosecute has not been made or has been withdrawn or the period within which such complaint or request may be made has

expired;

(4) A prosecution has
been initiated contrary to
the provisions of Article
260 after a ruling not to
prosecute has been
given, the prosecution
has been withdrawn, or
deferred prosecution has
not been set aside;

(5) The accused is dead;
or the entity being
accused does not exist
anymore;

(6) The court has no
judicial power over the
accused;

(7) According to the
provisions of Article 8,

the court cannot try the
case.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 304

If the court has no
jurisdiction over the
case, a judgment of
"Mistake in Jurisdiction"
shall be pronounced and
an order issued to
transfer the case to a
court having jurisdiction.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 305

If an accused refuses to make a statement, judgment may be given without waiting for his statement; the same rule shall apply if an accused leaves the court without permission.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 306

If a court considers that it should impose detention or a fine or pronounce a judgment of "Remission of Punishment" or "Not Guilty," and if an

accused, without good
reason, fails to appear in
court after having been
legally summoned,
judgment may be given
without waiting for his
statement.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 307 The judgment specified
in section IV of Article
161 and Articles 302
through 304 may be
given without oral
argument.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 308 A written judgment shall

separately set forth a

syllabus of the decision

and reasons; a written

judgment of "Guilty" shall

set forth the facts.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 309 The syllabus of a written

judgment of "Guilty" shall

contain the offense

committed, and

depending upon the

circumstances, include

the following:

(1) A pronouncement of
the principal punishment,
accessory punishment,
or remission of
punishment;

(2) If a sentence of not
more than six months
imprisonment or
detention is pronounced,
and if commutation to a
fine may be ordered, the
rate of such
commutation;

(3) If a fine is
pronounced and if
commutation to labor
may be ordered, the rate

of such commutation;

(4) If a sentence is

commuted to a warning,

its pronouncement;

(5) If a suspension of

sentence is pronounced,

the period of suspension;

(6) If a measure for

rehabilitation is

pronounced, the

measure and its

duration;

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 310

The reasons of a written
judgment of "Guilty"

shall, depending upon

the circumstances,

include the following:

(1) The evidence on

which the facts of the

offense are based and

the reasons therefor;

(2) Where evidence

favorable to the accused

is not relied, the reasons

therefor;

(3) The circumstances

specified in Article 57 or

58 of the Criminal Code

which justify the exercise

of discretion in imposing

a sentence;

(4) Reasons for

increasing, reducing, or

remitting a sentence;

(5) Reasons for

commuting a sentence to

a warning or for

suspension of sentence;

(6) Reasons for

pronouncing a measure

for rehabilitation;

(7) The applicable law.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 310-1

In a case of a judgment

of "Guilty" which is

pronounced to be

subject to a sentence of

not more than six months

imprisonment or
detention commutable to
a fine, a fine, or a
remission of punishment,
the written judgment may
only contain the syllabus
of the decision, the facts
and evidence of the
offense accompanied by
reasons for such
conclusion thereof, and
articles of the law
applicable.

For the judgment
specified in the
preceding section, the
court may cite the facts
of the offense set forth in
the indictment if such

facts are the same as
those established by the
court.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 311	Judgment shall be pronounced within fourteen days after conclusion of an argument.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 312	Judgment shall be pronounced
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notwithstanding that an
accused is not in court.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 313 Judgment is not required
to be pronounced by the
judge who tried the case.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 314 When a judgment from
which an appeal is
allowed is pronounced,
such pronouncement
shall include the duration

of the period within which
the appeal may be made
and the court to which
the appeal petition
should be submitted; a
true copy of the
judgment sent to the
accused shall contain
the same information.

A true copy of the
judgment specified in the
preceding section shall
also be sent to the
complainant and
informer; such
complainant may within
the period for appeal
state his opinion to the
public prosecutor.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 315 If an offense specified in

one of the chapters of

the Criminal Code

entitled "Offenses of

Perjury and Malicious

Accusation" or "Offenses

of Libel and against

Credit" is committed, and

if the victim or other

person with a right to file

the complaint makes

application, an order

may be issued to require

the whole or a part of the

written judgment to be
published in a
newspaper at the
expense of the accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 316

If an accused is under
detention, such detention
is considered to be
cancelled on the
pronouncement of a
judgment of "Not Guilty,"
"Exempt from
Prosecution,"
"Punishment Remitted,"
"Suspension of

Sentence," "Fine,"
"Sentence Commuted to
Warning," or "Case Not
Entertained" as specified
in Items 3 or 4 of Article
303, provided that during
the period allowed for
appeal or while an
appeal is pending the
accused may be
released on bail, to the
custody of another, or
with a limitation on his
residence; if he is unable
to provide bail or if it is
impossible for him to be
released to the custody
of another or with a
limitation on his

residence, an order may
be issued requiring him
to remain under
detention if necessary.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 317	The seized property which has not been ordered to be confiscated shall be immediately returned, provided that during the period allowed for appeal or while an appeal is pending, the seizure may remain in force if
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necessary.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 318

The seized stolen
property which should be
returned to the victim in
accordance with section
I of Article 142 shall be
returned immediately
without waiting for his
application.

A ruling for the return of
property temporarily
returned in accordance
with section II of Article
142 shall be considered

as already having been
made unless there is a
pronouncement to the
contrary.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

CHAPTER II PRIVATE PROSECUTION

Article 319 The victim of a crime

may file a private

prosecution, provided

that where he is without,

or of limited, legal

capacity, or is dead,

such private prosecution

may be filed by his

statutory agent, lineal

relative, or spouse.

An attorney shall be

retained to file a private

prosecution under the

preceding section. If a

part of the facts of an

offense has been

prosecuted by a private

prosecution, the

remaining facts although

may not be subject to a

private prosecution is

considered in the

prosecution, but this may

not be done if the

remaining part, which

may not be prosecuted

by a private prosecutor,

constitutes a more

serious offense or its trial
of the first instance is
under the jurisdiction of
the high court, or if the
circumstances of Article
321 exist therein.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 320

A private prosecution
shall be initiated by filing
a petition with a court
having jurisdiction.

A petition in a private
prosecution shall contain
the following matters:

(1) Full name, sex, age,

domicile or residence of
the accused, or special
identifying
characteristics;

(2) Facts and evidence
of the offense and article
of the law violated.

The facts of the offense
specified in the
preceding section shall
set forth the specific
facts that constitute the
offense and the date,
time, place and methods
of committing the
offense.

The copies of the petition
in a private prosecution
shall be filed according

to the number of the
accused.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 321 A private prosecution
shall not be initiated
against a lineal
ascendant or spouse.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 322 In a case chargeable
only upon complaint or
request, a private
prosecution may not be

initiated if such complaint
or request is no longer
permitted.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 323

A private prosecution
may no longer be
initiated if a public
prosecutor has already
begun to investigate the
same case in
accordance with the
provision of Article 228,
provided that in a case
chargeable only upon
complaint, and if the

immediate victim of the
offense initiates the
private prosecution, this
rule shall not apply.

If a public prosecutor
knows after the
beginning of his
investigation that a
private prosecution has
been initiated already or
that the circumstance
specified in the proviso
of the preceding section
exists, he shall
immediately stop such
investigation and refer
the case to the court,
provided that if urgent
circumstances exist, the

public prosecutor shall
still take necessary
measures.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 324

Another complaint shall
not be filed nor a request
made under Article 243
in the same case in
which a private
prosecution has already
been initiated.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 325

In a case chargeable only upon complaint or request, a private prosecutor may withdraw the private prosecution prior to the conclusion of the argument in the trial of the first instance.

A private prosecution shall be withdrawn in writing, but it may be withdrawn verbally on the trial date or during an examination.

The clerk shall immediately notify the accused of the fact that the private prosecution has been withdrawn.

A person who has
withdrawn a private
prosecution shall not file
another private
prosecution, complaint,
or request.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 326

The court or
commissioned judge
may examine the private
prosecutor and the
accused before the first
trial date and may collect
or investigate the
evidence; if the court or

commissioned judge
determines that this is a
case for civil action or
that the private
prosecution procedure is
being used to threaten
the accused, the private
prosecutor may be
advised to withdraw the
private prosecution.

The examination
specified in the
preceding section shall
be held in camera;
unless necessary, the
accused shall not be
called for examination.

If, as a result of the
examination and

investigation specified in
section I, it is determined
that the case contains
the circumstances of one
of the Articles 252
through 254, the private
prosecution may be
dismissed by a ruling
and the provisions of
Items I through IV of
section I, sections II and
III of Article 253-2 shall
be applied mutatis
mutandis.

After a ruling to dismiss a
private prosecution has
been final, another
private prosecution may
not be initiated for the

same case unless one of
the Items of Article 260
exists.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 327

Ordering the agent of a
private prosecutor to be
present shall be in the
form of a written notice; if
it is necessary to order
the private prosecutor to
be present he shall be
summoned by a
summons.

The provisions of Articles
71, 72 and 73 shall apply

mutatis mutandis to the
summoning of a private
prosecutor.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 328	The court shall, upon receipt of a petition in a private prosecution, immediately send a copy thereof to the accused.
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Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 329	Any procedural act which may be performed by a
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public prosecutor on the
trial date can be
performed by the agent
of a private prosecutor in
the proceedings of a
private prosecution.

If a private prosecutor
has not retained an
agent, the court shall
order him, by a ruling, to
retain an agent within a
prescribed period; if no
agent has been retained
within the said period, a
judgment of "Case Not
Entertained" shall be
pronounced.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 330

The court shall notify the
public prosecutor of the
trial date of a private
prosecution.

A public prosecutor may
appear in court and
express his opinion on
the trial date of a private
prosecution.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 331

In case the agent of a
private prosecutor fails to
appear in court without

good reasons after
having been legally
notified, the court shall
re-notify him and notify
the private prosecutor of
the same. If the agent of
a private prosecutor fails
to appear in court again,
without good reason,
then a judgment of
"Case Not Entertained"
shall be pronounced.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 332

Where a private
prosecutor loses his

legal capacity or dies
prior to the conclusion of
the argument, one of the
persons capable of
initiating the private
prosecution as specified
in section I of Article 319
may apply to the court
within one month for
undertaking the litigation.

Where there is no such
person to undertake the
litigation or such person
fails to do so within the
prescribed period, the
court shall, depending on
the circumstances,
immediately give a
judgment on the case or

notify the public

prosecutor to take over

the litigation.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 333

Where establishment of

a crime or remission of

punishment therefor is to

be determined by certain

civil legal issues and no

civil action has been

brought, the court shall

suspend trial of the case

and order the private

prosecutor to bring a civil

action within a

prescribed period and,
failing to do so within the
said period, shall dismiss
the private prosecution
by a ruling.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 334 A judgment of "Case Not
Entertained" shall be
pronounced for a private
prosecution which
should not have been
initiated.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly

on February 6, 2003.

Article 335

If a judgment of "Mistake in Jurisdiction" is pronounced, it shall not be necessary to refer the case to a competent court unless application therefor is made by the private prosecutor.

Note: Articles 1 through 343 were amended lastly on February 6, 2003.

Article 336

The written judgment in a private prosecution shall also be sent to the competent public prosecutor.

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If a public prosecutor
considers, after receipt
of a written judgment of
"Case Not Entertained"
or "Mistake in
Jurisdiction," that a
public prosecution
should be initiated, he
shall immediately begin
or continue an
investigation.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

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Article 337	The provisions of section I of Article 314 shall apply mutatis mutandis
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to a private prosecution.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 338

If a victim who has
initiated a private
prosecution commits an
offense and the victim in
such offense is the
accused in the private
prosecution, such
accused may institute a
counter-action before the
conclusion of the
argument in the trial of
the first instance.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 339 The provisions relating to

a private prosecution

shall apply mutatis

mutandis to a

counter-action.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 340 (Deleted)

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 341 Judgment in a

counter-action shall be
given at the time of
giving the judgment in a
private prosecution,
provided that in case of
necessity, it may be
given after judgment in a
private prosecution had
been given.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 342

Withdrawal of a private
prosecution shall not
affect a counter-action.

Note: Articles 1 through

343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Article 343 The provisions of Articles
246, 249, and Sections 2
and 3 of the preceding
Chapter relating to a
public prosecution shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to the procedures of a
private prosecution
except as otherwise
specially provided in this
Chapter.

Note: Articles 1 through
343 were amended lastly
on February 6, 2003.

Part III Appeals

Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 344 (Right to Appeal (I) -
Party)

A party who disagrees
with the judgment of a
lower court may appeal
to the appellate court.

Where a private
prosecutor loses his
legal capacity or dies
prior to the conclusion of
the argument, a person
listed in Paragraph 1 of
Article 319 may appeal
for the said private
prosecutor.

Where a complainant or
victim disagrees with the

judgment of a lower
court, he/she may
request the prosecutor to
appeal with reasons set
forth.

A prosecutor may appeal
for interests of the
defendant.

The original trial court
shall report cases
sentenced capital
punishment or life
imprisonment to the
appellate court *mutuo*
proprio without an
appeal and notify parties.

Under the circumstance
specified in the
preceding paragraph, it

is deemed that a
defendant has appealed.

Article 345 (Right to Appeal (II) –
Independent Appeal)
Parents or spouse of a
defendant may appeal
independently for
interests of the
defendant.

Article 346 (Right to Appeal (III) –
Representative Appeal)
An agent or defense
attorney in the original
trial may appeal for
interests of the
defendant; provided that
it may not be contrary to
defendant's express will.

Article 347

(Right to Appeal (IV) –

Prosecutor in Private

Prosecutions)

A prosecutor may appeal

independently for

judgments in private

prosecutions.

Article 348

(Scope of Appeal)

The appeal may be

brought against part of

the judgment; if fails to

specify the part

appealed, it is

considered as an appeal

in whole.

Relevant parts of the

partial judgment

appealed are considered

as appealed.

Article 349

(Time Limit for Filing an Appeal)

The time limit for filing an appeal is 10 days start from the day the judgment is served; provided that appeals made after the judgment announcement and before the service are also effective.

Article 350

(Appeal Process)

Appeals shall be brought to the original trial court with a written petition.

Copies of the written appeal shall be made in

accordance with the
number of opposing
party.

Article 351

(Appeals by Defendants
in a Prison or Detention
Center)

Where a defendant in a
prison or detention
center submits a written
appeal to the officer in
charge of such prison or
detention center during
the period for appeal, it is
deemed to have
appealed within the
period for appeal.

Where a defendant could
not prepare a written

appeal, officers in the
prison or detention
center shall prepare
such written appeal for
the defendant.

Once the officer in
charge of the prison or
detention center receives
a written appeal, he/she
shall specify the time,
date, month, and year of
such reception and
deliver it to the original
trial court.

Where a defendant's
written appeal is not filed
to the officer of a prison
or detention center, the
clerk of the original trial

court shall notify such
officer after receiving the
written appeal.

Article 352 (Service of Copies of the
Written Petition)

A clerk of the original trial
court shall serve copies
of the written petition
promptly to the opposing
party.

Article 353 (Waiver of the Right to
Appeal)

A party may waiver
his/her right to appeal.

Article 354 (Appeal Withdrawal)

Appeals may be
withdrawn before the
judgment is made; the

same rule shall apply to cases remanded to the original trial court by the court of third instance or cases remanded to other courts of the same level as the original trial court.

Article 355

(Restrictions to Appeal

Withdrawal (I) –

Defendant’s Consent)

An appeal for interests of

the defendant may not

be withdrawn without

consent of the

defendant.

Article 356

(Restrictions to Appeal

Withdrawal (II) –

Prosecutor’s Consent)

An appeal made by a private prosecutor may not be withdrawn without consent of the prosecutor.

Article 357 (Jurisdiction for Appeal Waiver or Withdrawal)

A waiver of appeal rights shall be filed to the original trial court.

An appeal withdrawal shall be filed to the appellate court; provided that it could be filed to the original trial court before dossier of the case are handed over to the appellate court.

Article 358

(Process for Appeal

Waiver or Withdrawal)

An appeal waiver or

withdrawal shall be

made in writing, provided

that it may be verbally

initiated in the presence

of the court on the trial

date.

Article 351 shall apply

mutatis mutandis where

a defendant waives the

right to appeal or

withdraws the appeal.

Article 359

(Effect of an Appeal

Waiver or Withdrawal)

Those who waiver or

withdraw an appeal lose

the right to appeal.

Article 360

(Notice for Appeal

Waiver or Withdrawal)

A clerk shall notify the

opposing party promptly

in case of an appeal

waiver or withdrawal.

Chapter II The Second Instance

Article 361

(Jurisdiction for Appeal

in the Second Instance)

A person who disagrees

with a judgment of first

instance made by a

district court shall file an

appeal to the court of

appeal with jurisdiction of

the second instance.

A written petition of

appeal shall set forth

specific ground of

reasons.

A person who fails to set

forth ground of reasons

in a written petition of

appeal shall submit

ground of reasons in

writing to the original trial

court within 20 days

since the appeal period

lapses. The original trial

court shall set a period

for those who fail to

submit written ground of

reasons in the specified

period to correct the

defect.

Article 362

(Original Trial Court's

Disposition against

Illegal Appeals -

Overrule by a Ruling or

Order Amendment)

The original trial court

shall, by a ruling,

immediately overrule an

appeal if it does not

comply with legal

formality, or if it shall not

be granted as a matter of

law, or if the right to

appeal has lapsed;

provided that where the

deficiency in legal

formality is amendable,

the court shall order an

amendment to be made

within a prescribed
period.

Article 363

(Transfer of Files,
Exhibits and Defendant
in a Prison or Detention
Center)

Except for situations
listed in the preceding
article, the original trial
court shall promptly
transfer of dossier and
exhibits to the court of
second instance.

Where a defendant is in
a detention center or
prison other than the
location of court of
second instance, the

original trial court shall
send such defendant to a
detention center or
prison where the court of
second instance is
located and notify such
court.

Article 364 (Apply Mutatis Mutandis
Procedure of First
Instance)
Unless otherwise
provided in this Chapter,
the trial of second
instance shall apply
mutatis mutandis the
procedure of first
instance.

Article 365 (Appellant States the

Appeal Purport)

After a presiding judge

questions a defendant

pursuant to Article 94,

the judge shall order the

appellant to state the

purport of appeal.

Article 366

(Scope of Investigation

in the Second Instance)

The court of second

instance shall investigate

the parts of original

judgment which have

been appealed.

Article 367

(Court of Second

Instance's Disposition

against Illegal Appeals -

Overrule by a Ruling or

Order Amendment)

The court of second instance shall overrule by a ruling if the written appeal fails to set forth ground of reasons or if an appeal has situations listed in the former part of Article 362; provided that where the deficiency is amendable but not ordered an amendment by the original trial court, the presiding judge shall order an amendment to be made within a prescribed period.

Article 368

(Judgment for a

Meritless Appeal)

The court of second

instance shall overrule

an appeal by ruling if it

finds such appeal

meritless.

Article 369

(Revoke the Original

Judgment – Adjudicate

or Remand the Case)

The court of second

instance shall reverse

the relevant portion of

the original judgment

and adjudicate the case

upon finding the appeal

meritorious or upon

finding an appeal

meritless but the original

judgment is improper or
illegal; provided that
where the original
judgment is set aside
because of the trial
court's improper ruling
on jurisdiction, exempt
from prosecution, or
case dismissed.

Where the court of
second instance
reverses the original
judgment for the latter
wrongfully pronounced
mistake in jurisdiction, if
the court of second
instance has jurisdiction
over the first instance, it
shall render a judgment

of first instance.

Article 370

(Principle of the

Prohibiting Alteration for

Interests (I))

The court of second

instance may not

pronounce a sentence

heavier than the one in

the original judgment for

an appeal filed by a

defendant or for interests

of the defendant;

provided that this rule

does not apply if the

judgment of the original

court is set aside

because of the law was

wrongly applied.

Article 371

(Single Party Judgment

(VI))

Where a defendant

default without due

reasons after having

been legally summoned,

a judgment may be

made without his/her

statement.

Article 372

(Exceptions to Oral

Hearing (II))

For an appeal against a

judgment under Article

367 or a judgment of

mistake in jurisdiction,

exempt from

prosecution, or case

dismissed rendered by

the original trial court, the court of second instance may deny an appeal that is meritless or remand a meritorious case without oral argument.

Article 373

(Quote from the

Judgment of First

Instance)

A judgment of second

instance may quote

facts, evidence and

reasons set forth in the

judgment of first

instance, and the

reasons shall be

supplemented recorded

for material items that

have not been specified
in the first instance, or for
evidence or defense
favorable to the
defendant which has
been proposed in the
second instance but was
not adopted.

Article 374 (Formality of a Judgment

Appealable)

Where a defendant or
private prosecutor may
appeal against the
judgment of second
instance, the period for
submitting the reasons
for appeal in writing shall
be set forth in the original

judgment served.

Chapter III The Third Instance

Article 375 (Jurisdiction of the
Appeal in the Third
Instance)

A person who disagrees
with a judgment of first
instance or second
instance made by a
Court of appeal shall file
an appeal to the
Supreme Court.

The procedure of third
instance shall apply
where the trial of
Supreme Court
disagrees with the first
instance judgment of a

Court of appeal.

Article 376

(Judgments not

Appealable to the Third

Instance)

Once judged by the court

of second instance,

cases involving the

following offenses are

not appealable to the

court of third instance:

1. Offenses with a

maximum punishment of

no more than three years

imprisonment, detention,

or a fine only;

2. Offense of theft

specified in Articles 320

and 321 of the Criminal

Code;

3. Offense of

embezzlement specified

in Article 335 and

Paragraph 2 of Article

336 of the Criminal

Code;

4. Offense of False

Pretense specified in

Articles 339 and 341 of

the Criminal Code;

5. Offense of breach

trust specified in Article

342 of the Criminal

Code;

6. Offense of extortion

specified in Article 346 of

the Criminal Code;

7. Offense of swag

specified in Paragraph 2
of Article 349 of the
Criminal Code.

Article 377 (Reasons for Appeal in
the Third Instance (I) –
Judgment in
Contravention of Laws
and Regulations)
Appeals to the court of
third instance may only
be filed where the
judgment is in
contravention of the laws
and regulations.

Article 378 (Meaning of in
Contravention of Laws
and Regulations)
A judgment which fails to

apply rules or applies
rules improperly is in
contravention of the laws
and regulations.

Article 379

(Judgment Automatically
in Contravention of the
Laws and Regulations)

A judgment shall be on
its face under the
following circumstances:

1. Where the court is not
organized in conformity
with the laws;

2. Where a judge who
should have disqualified
himself/herself by
operation of law or by
decision has participated

in making the decision;

3. Where the in camera

trial is not pursuant to

laws;

4. Where the court made

an improper judgment on

jurisdiction;

5. Where the court

improperly hears or

dismisses a case;

6. The trial took place on

the date of hearing in the

absence of the accused;

7. The trial took place in

the absence of the

advocate;

8. The trial took place

without statement of the

prosecutor or a private

prosecutor in court;

9. Where the trial shall

be suspended or start

anew but is not

suspended or started

anew;

10. Where evidence to

be investigated at the

trial date is not

investigated;

11. Where a defendant is

not given opportunity to

make his final statement;

12. Unless otherwise

specified in the Code,

where requested items

are not adjudicated or

where items not

requested are

adjudicated;

13. Where a

non-participated judge is

not involved in the

making of the judgment;

14. Where no reasons

are specified in the

judgment or where

ground of reasons

specified are

contradicting.

Article 380

(Restrictions to Appeals

to the Third Instance –

Reasons for Appeal)

Besides situations

specified in the

preceding article,

litigation process in

contravention of the laws
or regulations but
obviously has no effects
on the judgment may not
be a reason for appeal.

Article 381 (Reasons for Appeals to
the Third Instance (II) –
Punishment Amended,
Abolished, or Remitted)
The abolishment,
amendment, or
remittance of
punishments after the
original judgment may be
a reason for appeal.

Article 382 (Appeal to the Third
Instance)
Ground of reasons for

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appeal shall be set forth
in a written pleading of
appeal; those who fail to
set forth the reasons
may submit
supplementary reasons
in writing to the original
court within 10 days
since the appeal is filed;
if fails to correct such
defect, no submission
shall be ordered.

Paragraph 2 of Article
350, Article 351 and
Article 352 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to the
reason in writing
specified in the
preceding paragraph.

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Article 383

(Written Defense)

The opposing party may submit a written defense to the original trial court within 10 days since receiving the written appeal or the service of amended supplementary reasons in writing.

Where a prosecutor is the opposing party, he/she shall submit a written defense regarding the supplementary reasons for appeal.

Copies of the written defense shall be submitted; the clerk of

original trial court shall

serve those to the

appellant.

Article 384

(Original Trial Court's

Disposition against

Illegal Appeals –

Overrule by Ruling or

Order Amendment)

The court shall overrule

an appeal by ruling if it

does not comply with

legal formality, or it shall

not be granted as a

matter of law, or the right

to appeal has lapsed;

provided that where the

deficiency in legal

formality is amendable,

the court shall order an
amendment to be made
within a prescribed
period.

Article 385

(Send the Case File and
Exhibits to the Third
Instance)
Except for situations
listed in the preceding
article, the original trial
court shall promptly
transmit the case dossier
and exhibits to the
prosecutor in court of
third instance after
receiving the written
defense or the period for
submitting a written

defense has lapsed.

Once receives the case

dossier and exhibits, the

prosecutor in the court of

third instance shall

transmit the case dossier

and exhibits along with

an opinion in writing to

the court of third instance

in 7 days; provided that

an opinion in writing may

be omitted where the

prosecutor has no other

opinion regarding the

written appeal or

defense in writing sent

by the prosecutor in the

original trial court.

The original trial court

shall transmit the case
dossier and exhibits to
the court of third instance
where no prosecutor is a
party in the appeal.

Article 386

(Submitting Documents
in Writing)

Before the court of third
instance adjudicates the
case, an appellant and
opposing party may
submit the reasons for
appeal in writing, written
defense, opinion, and
amended supplementary
reasons in writing to the
court of third instance.

Copies of the document

mentioned in the
preceding paragraph
shall be served to the
opposing party by the
clerk of court of third
instance.

Article 387 (Apply mutatis mutandis
Trial Procedure in the
First Instance)
Except otherwise
stipulated in this
Chapter, a trial in the
third instance shall apply
mutatis mutandis trial
procedure in the first
instance.

Article 388 (Exemption to the
Mandatory Defense)

Article 31 does not apply
to a trial of third instance.

Article 389

(Exceptions to Oral
Hearing (III))

The court of third
instance may be trial
without oral argument;
provided that the court
may order arguments if
necessary.

The argument prescribed
in the preceding
paragraph may only be
conducted by an agent
or defense attorney who
is a lawyer.

Article 390

(Commissioned Judge
and Reports)

The court of third instance may appoint one associate judge to be the commissioned judge, in order to summarize the appeal and defense into a report.

Article 391

(Report Recite and Appeal Statement)

On the trial date, the commissioned judge shall read aloud the report before the argument.

A prosecutor, agent, or defense attorney shall summarize the meaning

of the appeal before the
argument.

Article 392

(One-Party Argument
and No Argument)

On the trial date, if no
agent or defense
attorney of the defendant
or private prosecutor
appears, the judgment
shall be pronounced
after the prosecutor of
the agent or defense
attorney of opposing
party makes a
statement. If both the
defendant and private
prosecutor have not
present or defense

attorney appeared in
court, the judgment may
be pronounced without
argument.

Article 393

(Scope of Investigation
in the Third Instance (I) –
Ground of Reasons for
Appeal)
Investigations by the
court of third instance
shall be limited to items
listed in the reason of
appeal; provided that
such court may ex officio
investigate evidence for
the following items:
1. Situations listed in
subparagraphs of Article

379 exist;

2. Whether causes for

the exemption from

prosecution exist;

3. The adequacy of law

applications on

established facts;

4. The punishment was

abolished, amended, or

remitted after the original

judgment;

5. The defendant is

pardoned or died after

the original judgment.

Article 394

(Scope of Investigation

in the Third Instance (I) –

Discovery)

Facts established in the

judgment of second
instance shall be the
basis for judgment of the
court of third instance;
provided that a court
may investigate facts on
items related to the
litigation procedure or
muto proprio.

The investigation
mentioned in the
preceding paragraph
may be conducted by a
commissioned judge,
and judges from other
courts may be ordered to
investigate.

If pursuant to results in
the preceding two

paragraphs, the
prosecution violates
regulations, the court of
third instance may order
it to be cured; where the
court has no jurisdiction
but later acquires
jurisdiction pursuant to
laws or regulations after
the original judgment, it
shall not be deemed to
have no jurisdiction.

Article 395

(Judgment for Illegal
Appeals – Overrule by
Ruling)
The court of third
instance shall overrule
an appeal by ruling if

circumstances of Article
384 exist therein; the
same rule applies where
the reason for appeal in
writing is not submitted
within the period
specified in Paragraph 1
of Article 382 and before
the court of third instance
adjudicates the case.

Article 396

(Judgment for Meritless
Appeals – Overrule by
Ruling)

The court of third
instance shall overrule
an appeal by ruling if it
finds such an appeal
meritless.

The court may also
pronounce a suspension
of sentence under
circumstance in the
preceding paragraph.

Article 397 (Judgments for
Meritorious Appeals –
Reverse the Original
Judgment)

The court of third
instance shall reverse
the relevant portion of
the original judgment
upon finding the appeal
meritorious.

Article 398 (Reverse the Original
Judgment (I) -
Adjudication)

Where an original
judgment is reversed
pursuant to the following
circumstances, the court
of third instance shall
adjudicate the case;
provided that this rule
does not apply to
judgments to be made
pursuant to the latter two
articles:

1. Where in
contravention of laws or
regulations does not
affect the finding of facts
and can be the basis of
judgment;
2. Where an exempt
from prosecution or case

dismissed shall be

pronounced;

3. Where a circumstance
under Subparagraph 4 or
5 of Article 393 exists.

Article 399

(Reverse the Original

Judgment (II) – Remand)

The court of third

instance shall reverse

and remand a case to

the original trial court

because such judgment

were improperly decided

based on “mistake in

jurisdiction”, “exempt

from prosecution” or

“case dismissed”;

provided that such a

case can be remand to
the court of first instance
if necessary.

Article 400

(Reverse the Original
Judgment (III) –Trial
Delivery)

The court of third
instance shall remand
the case to the
competent court of
second instance or court
of first instance if the
court of third instance
reverse a judgment of
original court because
such judgment were
improperly did not
pronounce “exempt from

prosecution”; provided
that for cases listed in
Article 4, once the
original trial court with
jurisdiction makes a
judgment of second
instance, it shall not be
considered a mistake in
jurisdiction.

Article 401

(Reverse the Original
Judgment (IV) – Remand
or Trial Delivery)
Where the court of third
instance reverses the
original judgment for
reasons other than
situations listed in the
preceding three articles,

it shall remand the case
to the original court or
other court of the same
level by ruling.

Article 402 (Reverse the Original
Judgment for Interests of
the Defendant)
Where an original
judgment is reversed for
interests of the
defendant, if the reasons
for reversal also apply to
co-defendants, the
benefits shall apply to
other co-defendants.

Part IV Interlocutory Appeal

Article 403 (Right to Interlocutory
Appeal and Competent

Court)

A party may file an
interlocutory appeal to
the direct appellate court
if he/she disagrees with
the court ruling, unless
otherwise provided.

A witness, expert
witness, interpreter, or
other non-party under
the ruling may also file
an interlocutory appeal.

Article 404

(Restriction and

Exception to

Interlocutory Appeal)

One may not file an

interlocutory appeal

against rulings regarding

jurisdiction or litigation

procedure, except for the

following rulings:

1. Where interlocutory

appeals are allowed by

laws;

2. Rulings regarding

detention, release on

bail, custody of another,

a limitation on residence,

search, seizure, return of

seized property,

committing the

defendant to a hospital

or other places for expert

examination, and rulings

regarding prohibition or

seizure pursuant to

Paragraphs 3 and 4 of

Article 105.

Article 405

(Restriction to

Interlocutory Appeals

(II))

No interlocutory appeals

shall be filed against a

decision made by the

court of second instance

regarding a case which

is not appealable to the

court of third instance.

Article 406

(Period for Interlocutory

Appeals)

Unless otherwise

provided, the period for

interlocutory appeals is 5

days start from the

service of ruling;

provided that once the ruling is pronounced, an interlocutory appeal after the pronouncement and before the service is also effective.

Article 407 (Process of Interlocutory Appeal)

To file an interlocutory appeal, an interlocutory appeal in writing shall be submitted to the original trial court with ground of reasons for the interlocutory appeal specified.

Article 408 (Original Trial Court's Disposition against

Interlocutory Appeals)

The court shall overrule
an interlocutory appeal
by a ruling if it does not
comply with legal
formality, or it shall not
be granted as a matter of
law, or the right to
interlocutory appeal has
lapsed; provided that
where the deficiency in
legal formality is
amendable, the court
shall order an
amendment to be made
within a prescribed
period.

The original trial court
shall reverse the ruling

upon finding the
interlocutory appeal
meritorious; the original
trial court shall transmit
the interlocutory appeal
in writing along with its
opinions to the court of
interlocutory appeal
within 3 days since
receiving the
interlocutory appeal
upon finding the
interlocutory appeal
meritless in whole or in
part.

Article 409

(Effects of an

Interlocutory Appeal)

An interlocutory appeal

does not suspend the
execution of judgment;
provided that the original
court may suspend the
execution by ruling
before the court of
interlocutory appeal
rules.

The court of interlocutory
appeal may suspend the
execution of judgment by
ruling.

Article 410

(Case File & Exhibits
Transfer and the Ruling
Period)

The original trial court
shall hand over case
dossier and exhibits to

the court of interlocutory
appeal if necessary.

The court of interlocutory
appeal may request the
original trial court to send
case file and exhibits if
necessary.

The court of interlocutory
appeal shall make a
ruling within 10 days
since receiving case file
and exhibits.

Article 411 (Measures against Illegal
Interlocutory Appeals by
Court of Interlocutory
Appeal)

The court of interlocutory
appeal shall overrule an

interlocutory appeal by
ruling if it satisfies the
former part of Paragraph
1 of Article 408; provided
that where the deficiency
is amendable but not
ordered an amendment
by the original trial court,
the presiding judge shall
order an amendment to
be made within a
prescribed period.

Article 412

(Ruling for Meritless

Interlocutory Appeals)

The court of interlocutory

appeal shall overrule by

ruling upon finding an

interlocutory appeal

meritless.

Article 413

(Ruling for Meritorious
Interlocutory Appeals)

The court of interlocutory
appeal shall reverse the
original ruling by ruling
upon finding it
meritorious; such court
may make its own ruling.

Article 414

(Ruling Notification)

The original trial court
shall be notified the
ruling by the court of
interlocutory appeal
promptly.

Article 415

(Re-appeals against
Rulings)

No interlocutory appeals

shall be filed against
rulings by the court of
interlocutory appeal;
provided that a second
interlocutory appeal may
be filed against the
following rulings on
interlocutory appeals:

1. An interlocutory
appeal against the ruling
to dismiss the appeal;

2. An interlocutory
appeal against a ruling
on the motion for
restoration of original
condition due to overdue
appeals;

3. An interlocutory
appeal against a ruling

on the motion for retrial;

4. An interlocutory

appeal against motion

for the change of

sentence pursuant to

Article 477;

5. An interlocutory

appeal against ruling on

the motion for

discrepancy or objection

pursuant to Article 486;

6. Interlocutory appeals

filed by witness, expert

witness, interpreter, and

other non-parties.

The proviso of preceding

paragraph does not

apply to rulings which do

not subject to

interlocutory appeals

pursuant to Article 405.

Article 416

(Scope, Period, and

Ruling for Quasi

Interlocutory Appeal)

A subject of a ruling may

file a motion to withdraw

or change the following

rulings to the court in

charge if disagrees with

the ruling made by the

presiding judge,

commissioned judge,

requisitioned judge, or

prosecutor.

1. Rulings regarding

detention, release on

bail, committing to the

custody of another, a
limitation on residence,
search, seizure, return of
seized property,
committing the
defendant to a hospital
or other places for expert
examination, and rulings
regarding prohibition or
seizure pursuant to
Paragraphs 3 and 4 of
Article 105;

2. Pecuniary penalty
imposed on a witness,
expert witness, or
interpreter.

The court may exclude
seized items from
evidence if the search or

seizure in preceding
paragraph is withdrew.

The period for motion
mentioned in Paragraph
1 is 5 days from the date
of ruling or the day of
service if it is served.

Articles 409 to 414 shall
apply mutatis mutandis
to this Article.

Paragraph 1 of Article 21
shall apply mutatis
mutandis to motions to
reverse or amend a
ruling by a requisitioned
judge.

Article 417

(Motion for Constructive
Interlocutory Appeals)

The motion in the preceding article shall be filed to the said court with ground of reasons for disagreement in writing.

Article 418 (Remedies to Constructive Interlocutory Appeal, Mistaken Interlocutory Appeal, or Motion for Constructive Interlocutory Appeal)

One may not file an interlocutory appeal against court rulings for motions pursuant to Article 416; provided that

an interlocutory appeal

may be filed against

motion to revoke fines.

Where an interlocutory

appeal may be filed

pursuant to this Part but

a motion to set aside or

change is mistakenly

filed instead, it is

deemed to have filed an

interlocutory appeal;

where a motion to set

aside or change may be

filed but an interlocutory

appeal is mistakenly filed

instead, it is deemed to

have filed a motion.

apply mutatis mutandis

Rules regarding

Appeals)

Except otherwise

stipulated in this

Chapter, interlocutory

appeals shall apply

mutatis mutandis

Chapter I of Part III

regarding Appeals.

Part V Retrial

Article 420

(Motion for Retrial for

Interests of the

Convicted (I))

After a guilty judgment

has become final, a

motion for retrial may be

filed for interests of the

convicted under the

following circumstances:

1. Where exhibits on

which the original

judgment is based have

been proven fabricated,

or altered;

2. Where material

testimony, expert

opinion, or interpretation

on which the original

judgment is based has

been proven false;

3. Where the convicted

has been proven

maliciously accused.

4. Where judgment by a

common court or special

court on which the

original judgment is

based on has been

changed in a final

judgment;

5. If a judge participating

in the original judgment,

judgment before the trial

or investigations before

the judgment, or

prosecutor participating

in the investigation or the

prosecution commits

offenses in his/her post

out of the case and the

offenses have been

proved; or he/she

neglect the duties out of

the case and has been

“administrative

punished” but the
behaviors are sufficient
to affect the original
judgment.

6. Where the discovery
of new evidence is
sufficient to show that
the convicted shall be
acquitted, exempt from
prosecution, remitted the
punishment, or
sentenced an offense
less serious than the one
in the original judgment.

Under the manifestation
of situations of

Paragraphs 1 to 3 and

Paragraph 5, after the

judgment is final, a

motion for retrial can be
filed if insufficient
evidence is not the
reason for not able to
begin the criminal
procedure or continue
the trial.

Article 421

(Motion for Retrial for
Interests of the
Convicted (II))
Expect stipulated in the
previous article, once a
guilty judgment in the
second instance is final,
if the failed to consider of
material evidence may
affect the judgment, a
motion for retrial may be

filed against cases which
may not appeal the court
of third instance.

Article 422

(Motion for Retrial
against Interests of the
Convicted)

Once judgment of guilty,
not guilty, exempt from
prosecution, or case
dismissed is final, a
motion for retrial can be
filed contrary to the
interest of the convicted
under the following
circumstances:

1. Where there are
situations as specified in
subparagraph 1, 2, 4 or 5

of Article 420;

2. For a person receiving

a judgment of not guilty,

or punishment lighter

than the offense he/she

commits, if through the

person's confession

during or outside the

litigation procedure or

through the discovery of

new evidence, it is

sufficient to render a

judgment of guilty and

heavier punishments;

3. Where a person is

exempt from prosecution

or dismissed from the

suit, if through such

person's statement

during or outside the
litigation procedure or
through the discovery of
new evidence, it is
sufficient to hold that
there is no ground to
exempt his/her original
judgment.

Article 423

(Period of Motion for
Retrial (I))

The motion of retrial may
be filed after the
punishment has been
completed; it may also
be filed if the punishment
or during the time
punishment is not being
executed.

Article 424

(Period of Motion for
Retrial (II))

Motion for retrial due to
the failed to consider of
material evidence
pursuant to Article 421
may be filed within 20
days since the judgment
is served.

Article 425

(Period of Motion for
Retrial (III))

Once the judgment if
final, if more than
one-half of the period
specified in Paragraph 1
of Article 80 of the
Criminal Code has
lapsed, a motion for

retrial against interests of
the convicted may not be
filed.

Article 426

(Competent Court for
Retrial)

The original trial court
has the jurisdiction on a
motion for retrial.

Where some parts of the
judgment have been
appealed and others
have not, the court of
second instance has
jurisdiction over a motion
for retrial on any parts of
the judgment, if the court
of second instance
pronounces a ruling that

a retrial shall be rendered for the parts that have been final in the appellate trial. The court of second instance also has jurisdiction over the motion for retrial of that part of the judgment which has become final in the court of first instance.

Once a judgment is final in the third instance, the court of second instance has the jurisdiction over a motion for retrial on such a judgment, unless the judges in the court of third instance have

situations specified in

Subparagraph 5 of

Article 420.

Article 427

(Right to File a Motion for

Retrial (I) – for Interests

of the Convicted)

Motion for retrial for

interests of the convicted

may be filed by the

following persons:

1. A prosecutor in the

competent court;

2. The convicted;

3. The statutory agent or

spouse of the convicted;

4. The spouse, lineal

blood relatives, collateral

blood relatives, relatives

by marriage within the
second degree of
relationship, family head
or family members of the
convicted, where the
convicted is deceased.

Article 428

(Right to File a Motion for
Retrial (II) – against
Interests of the
Convicted)
A prosecutor of the
competent court or a
private prosecutor may
file a motion for retrial
against interests of the
convicted; provided that
a private prosecutor may
only file such a motion in

circumstances under

Subparagraph 1 of

Article 422.

Where a private

prosecutor loses the

legal capacity or dies, a

person has the right to

file a private prosecution

pursuant to Paragraph 1

of Article 319 may file a

motion in the preceding

paragraph.

Article 429

(Motion for Retrial)

A motion for retrial shall

be submitted to the

competent court along

with the reasons set forth

on the writing, copies of

the original judgment
and evidence.

Article 430 (Effect of the Motion for
Retrial)

A motion of retrial does
not suspend the
execution of punishment;
provided that a
prosecutor of the
competent court may
order a suspension
before the ruling on the
motion.

Article 431 (Withdraw a Motion for
Retrial and its Effect)

A motion for retrial may
be withdrawn before the
retrial judgment.

A person who withdraws
a motion for retrial may
not use the same reason
to file a motion for retrial.

Article 432 (Apply mutatis mutandis
Articles regarding Appeal
Withdrawal)
Articles 358 and 360
shall apply mutatis
mutandis to a motion for
retrial or withdrawal.

Article 433 (Ruling for an Illegal
Motion – Overrule by
Ruling)
A court shall overrule by
ruling upon finding a
motion for retrial “in
contravention of

procedure.”

Article 434

(Ruling for a Meritless
Motion – Overrule by
Ruling)

A court shall overrule by
ruling a meritless motion
for retrial.

After a ruling in the
preceding paragraph,
one may not use the
same reason to file a
motion for retrial.

Article 435

(Ruling for a Meritorious
Motion – Ruling for
Retrial)

The court shall
pronounce a ruling for
retrial if the motion is

meritorious.

The court may rule to
suspend the punishment
after the ruling in the
preceding paragraph.

An interlocutory appeal
may be filed against the
ruling in Paragraph 1
within 3 days.

Article 436

(Retrial)

The court shall set a
case for trial on regular
procedure if the ruling for
retrial is final.

Article 437

(Exceptions to Oral
Hearing (IV))

Where a convicted dies,
a motion for retrial for

interests of the convicted
may be judged without
oral argument, after the
prosecutor or private
prosecutor express
his/her opinion in writing.

Where a private
prosecutor loses legal
capacity or dies, a
person who may
undertake the litigation
pursuant to Article 332
may file a motion to the
court to undertake the
litigation in 1 month; if no
one undertakes the
litigation or such period
lapses, the court may
immediately give a

judgment on the case or
notify the prosecutor to
express the opinion.

Where a convicted dies
before the retrial, a
motion for retrial for
interests of the convicted
shall apply mutatis
mutandis the preceding
paragraph.

Judgments in the
preceding two
paragraphs may not be
appealed.

Article 438

(End of Retrial)

A motion for retrial
against interests of the
convicted and such

motion and ruling will
lose the effect be invalid
if the convicted dies
before the judgment of
retrial.

Article 439 (Principle of the
Prohibiting Alteration for
Interests (II))
Where a motion for
retrial filed for interests of
the convicted and a
judgment of guilty is
pronounced, the court
may not pronounce a
sentence heavier than
the one in the original
judgment.

Article 440 (Publication of a Not

Guilty Judgment in the
Retrial)

Where a motion for
retrial for interests of the
convicted is pronounced
a judgment of not guilty,
the court shall publish
the judgment in public
journals or other
newspapers.

Part VI Extraordinary Appeal

Article 441 (Reasons and Right for
Extraordinary Appeal)
After a judgment is final,
if the trial of a case is
found to in contravention
of laws, the
chief-procurator of the

Supreme Prosecutors

Office may file an

extraordinary appeal to

the Supreme Court.

Article 442

(Motion for Extraordinary
Appeal)

Where a prosecutor

discovers situation listed

in the preceding article,

he/she shall submit an

opinion in writing along

with the case dossier

and exhibits to the

chief-procurator of the

Supreme Prosecutors

Office and file a motion

for extraordinary appeal.

Article 443

(Extraordinary Appeal)

To file an extraordinary appeal, reasons for the extraordinary appeal in writing shall be submitted to the Supreme Court.

Article 444 (Exceptions to Oral Hearing (V))

A judgment for an extraordinary appeal may be pronounced without oral argument.

Article 445 (Scope of Investigation)

Investigation by the Supreme Court is limited to items listed in the reason for the extraordinary appeal.

Article 394 shall apply

mutatis mutandis to

extraordinary appeals.

Article 446

(Meritless Extraordinary

Appeals – Overruled)

Meritless extraordinary

appeals shall be

overruled by ruling.

Article 447

(Meritorious

Extraordinary Appeals)

Where an extraordinary

appeal is meritorious, the

following judgments shall

be pronounced

respectively:

1. Where the judgment is

in contravention of the

laws and regulations, the

part in contravention
shall be set aside;
provided that if the
original judgment is
against interests of the
defendant, such case
shall be separately
adjudicated;

2. Where the litigation
procedure is in
contravention of the laws
and regulations, such
procedure shall be set
aside.

Under circumstances
specified in
Subparagraph 1, if a
case is dismissed for it is
mistakenly thought to

have no jurisdiction, or if
it is necessary to protect
a defendant's other
benefit accruing to the
accused from one of the
stages of trial, the
original judgment may be
set aside, and the
original trial court shall
retrial the case following
procedure prior to the
judgment.

However, a sentence
heavier than the one in
the original final
judgment may not be
pronounced.

Extraordinary Appeal)

The effect of a judgment

for extraordinary appeal

does not apply to the

defendant unless

provided in the proviso of

Subparagraph 1 of

Paragraph 1 and

Paragraph 2 of the

preceding Article.

Part VII Summary Procedure

Article 449 (Motion for a Summary
Judgment)

If a defendant's

confession in the

investigation process or

other existing evidence

is sufficient for the court

of first instance to
determine a defendant's
offense, a sentence may
be pronounced through
summary judgment
without common trial
procedure upon request
by the prosecutor;
provided that the
defendant shall be
questioned before
sentencing if necessary.

Where a prosecutor
prosecutes a case
specified in the
preceding paragraph
with common procedure
and a defendant has
confessed to the offense,

the court may pronounce
a sentence through
summary judgment
without common trial
procedure if appropriate.

The sentence specified
in the preceding 2
paragraphs is limited to
the suspension of
sentence, sentence of
limited imprisonment and
detention which
commutation to a fine
may be ordered, or a
fine.

Article 449-1 (Summary Proceeding)

Cases under summary

proceeding may be tried

in the summary division
of courts.

Article 450 (Summary Judgment (I)
– Sentence, Remission
of Punishment)

A sentence by summary
judgment may also
impose a confiscation or
other necessary
measures.

The proviso of
Paragraph 1 of Article
299 shall apply mutatis
mutandis to the
judgment in the
preceding paragraph.

Article 451 (Motion for Summary
Judgment)

Where a prosecutor finds
it appropriate to
sentence the case
through summary
judgment, he/she may
file a motion for summary
judgment in writing.

Article 264 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to
requests specified in the
preceding paragraph.

The motion mentioned in
Paragraph 1 has the
same effect as a
prosecution.

A defendant who
confesses in the
investigation process
may petition the

prosecutor to file a
motion prescribed in
Paragraph 1.

Article 451-1

(Specific Sentence

Requested by a
Prosecutor)

Where a defendant
confesses in the
investigation process on
cases mentioned in
Paragraph 1 of the
preceding article, he may
express his willingness to
the prosecutor the scope
of sentence he would
undertake, and if the
prosecutor consents,
records shall be made,

and the defendant's
statement shall be the
basis for requesting the
court to pronounce a
sentence or suspension
of sentence.

Before a prosecutor
requests a sentence or
motion in the preceding
paragraph, he may
consult with the victim,
consider relevant
circumstance, and order
the defendant the
following items, after
obtaining the victim's
consent:

1. To apologize to the
victim;

2. To pay a certain amount of compensation to the victim.

Where a defendant's confession does not contain contents specified in Paragraph 1, he may make statements to the court during the trial; the prosecutor may also request the court to pronounce a sentence or suspension of sentence based on defendant's statements.

Under circumstances mentioned in Paragraph 1 and the preceding paragraph, the court

shall pronounce a
judgment within the
scope of sentence or
suspension of sentence
requested by the
prosecutor; unless one
of the following
circumstances applies:

1. Where a defendant's
offense is not one that
may be sentenced by
summary judgment
pursuant to Article 449;
2. Where facts of an
offense established by
the court is different from
which the prosecutor
uses to request a
sentence, or where other

facts of the same offense

in trial are discovered

during the trial and the

sentence requested by

the prosecutor is

obviously improper;

3. Where after trial, the

court deems it proper to

pronounce a judgment of

not guilty, exemption

from prosecution, case

dismissed, or mistake in

jurisdiction;

4. Where a request by

the prosecutor is

obviously improper or

unfair.

Where a prosecutor requests to sentence the case through summary proceeding, if the court deems that the proviso of Paragraph 4 of Article 451-1 shall apply, the case shall be tried by common procedure.

Article 453 (Summary Judgment by Court (II) – Immediate Measure)

The court shall impose immediate measures on cases sentenced by summary judgment.

Article 454 (Items to be listed in a Summary Judgment)

A summary judgment

shall include the

following items:

1. Contents specified in

Paragraph 1 of Article

51;

2. Facts of an offence

and the evidence;

3. Applicable articles of

laws;

4. Items listed in

paragraphs of Article

309;

5. The announcement

that an appeal may be

filed within 10 days after

the service of summary

judgment; provided that

this does not apply to

those who may not

appeal.

The written judgment

mentioned in the

preceding paragraph

may be condensed; it

may quote the

prosecutor's request for

summary judgment on a

sentence or the written

prosecution if facts of an

offense or evidence

established and

applicable laws are the

same.

Article 455

(Service of the Official

Summary Judgment)

Once a clerk receives

the original summary
judgment, he shall
promptly produce the
official summary
judgment for service and
apply mutatis mutandis
Paragraph 2 of Article
314.

Article 455-1 (Appeal against a
Summary Judgment)
Those who disagree with
a summary judgment
may appeal to the
collegiate bench of the
competent district court
of second instance.
A sentence judgment by
a request pursuant to

Article 451-1 may not be
appealed.

An appeal pursuant to
Paragraph 1 shall apply
mutatis mutandis Articles
in Chapters 1 and 2 of
Part III, except Article
361.

Those who disagree with
a ruling under summary
proceeding may file an
interlocutory appeal to
the collegiate bench of
the competent district
court of second instance.

An interlocutory appeal
mentioned in the
preceding paragraph
shall apply mutatis

mutandis articles under

Part IV.

Part VII-I The Bargaining Process

Article 455-2 (Application for the
Bargaining Process)

Except for those who
have committed a
offense which is
punishable for sentence
of capital punishment,
life imprisonment,
sentence more than
three years, or is
adjudicated by the court
of appeal as the court of
first instance, once a
case has been
prosecuted by a

prosecutor or applied for
a summary judgment,
after consulting with the
victim's opinion the
prosecutor may, before
the close of oral
arguments in the court of
first instance or before
the summary judgment,
act on his/her own
discretion or upon
requests by the
defendant, his/her agent
or attorney, which has
been approved by the
court, to negotiate the
following items outside
the trial procedure; once
both parties involved

reach an agreement and
the defendant pleads
guilty, the prosecutor
may request the court to
make judgment pursuant
to the bargaining
process.

1. The defendant
accepts the scope of
sentence or accepts the
sentence to be placed
under probation.

2. The defendant shall
apologize to the victim.

3. The defendant shall
pay a certain amount of
compensation.

4. The defendant shall
pay a certain amount to

the government treasury,
designated public
interest organizations, or
local autonomous
organizations.

The prosecutor shall
obtain the victim's
consent before
negotiating with the
defendant on items listed
in Subparagraph 2 or 3
of the preceding
paragraph.

The bargaining period
mentioned in Paragraph
1 shall not exceed 30
days.

Article 455-3 (Cancel the Bargaining)

The court shall question
a defendant and inform
him/her the offence
he/she admitted, its
statutory penalty, and all
rights he waived within
10 days after receiving a
request in the preceding
article.

A defendant may
withdraw the bargaining
agreement at any time
before the preceding
procedure terminates.

Where a defendant
violates his/her
agreement with the
prosecutor, the latter
may revoke the request

for plea bargain.

Article 455-4

(No Bargaining

Judgment)

The court may not

pronounce a bargaining

judgment under the

following circumstances:

1. Where the agreement

is withdrawn or where

requests for bargaining

is revoked pursuant

Paragraph 2 of the

preceding article;

2. Where the bargain

was not made out of

defendant's free will;

3. Where the bargaining

agreement is obviously

inappropriate or unfair;

4. Where defendant's

offence may not subject

to a bargaining judgment

pursuant to Paragraph 1

of Article 455-2;

5. Where facts

established by the court

are different from facts

agreed in the bargaining

process;

6. Where a defendant

commits other counts of

offense which were

arose by the same act in

trial with heavier

punishments;

7. Where the court

deems proper to

pronounce punishment
remitted, exemption from
prosecution, or case
dismissed.

The court shall
adjudicate the case
within the scope of
bargaining agreement
without oral argument,
except for circumstances
specified in the
preceding paragraph.

The sentence
pronounced by court
under a bargaining
judgment is limited to a
suspension of sentence,
limited imprisonment
under 2 years, detention,

or a fine.

The court shall put down

in records or the written

judgment if the parties

reach an agreement

specified in

Subparagraphs 2 to 4 of

Paragraph 1 of Article

455-2.

Where the court

pronounces a judgment

pursuant to the

bargaining,

Subparagraphs 3 and 4

of Paragraph 1 of Article

455-2 can be the cause

for civil compulsory

execution.

Article 455-5 (Appointing a Public
Defender)

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If a defendant is willing to
undertake an
imprisonment longer
than 6 months not
subject to a suspension
of sentence and has no
defense attorney, the
court shall appoint a
public defender or lawyer
to be his/her defense
attorney, in order to
assist the bargaining.

A defense attorney may
express opinions of law
and facts during the
bargaining process;
however, such opinions

.....

may not contradict the
defendant's expressed
opinion.

Article 455-6 (Overrule by Ruling)

The court shall overrule
by ruling a request for
bargaining pursuant to
Paragraph 1 of Article
455-2 if the court
believes that
circumstances under
Paragraph 1 of Article
455-4 applies; then the
common procedure,
summary trial
proceeding, or summary
judgment shall apply.

One may not file an

interlocutory appeal
against ruling in the
preceding paragraph.

Article 455-7 (Statements in the
Bargaining Process may
not be Evidence against
Interests of the
Defendant or
Co-defendants)
If a court fail to reach a
bargaining judgment,
statements by a
defendant, his agent, or
defense attorney during
the bargaining process
may not be used as
evidence against
interests of the

defendant or

co-defendants in this or

other cases.

Article 455-8

(Production and Service

of Written Bargaining

Judgment)

The production and

service of written

bargaining judgment

shall apply mutatis

mutandis Articles 454

and 455.

Article 455-9

(Law Application and

Effect of Judgment

Record and Service)

For a bargaining

judgment, the clerk may

record the syllabus of the

decision, summarized
facts of an offense, and
articles of the
punishment on the
judgment record to
substitute a written
judgment; provided that
where a party requests
the court to serve a
written judgment within
10 days after the
pronouncement of
judgment, the court shall
still produce the written
judgment.

The service of the official
record or its abbreviated
copy shall apply mutatis
mutandis Article 455 and

has the same effect as
the service of the written
judgment.

Article 455-10 (Exception to No
Appeals)

A sentence made
pursuant this Part is not
appealable; provided
that this rule does not
apply to circumstances
specified in
Subparagraphs 1, 2, 4,
6, 7 of Paragraph 1 of
Article 455-4, or where a
bargaining judgment
violates Paragraph 2 of
the said article.
Investigation by the court

of second instance is limited to items listed in the reasons for appeal, where an appeal is made pursuant to the proviso of the preceding paragraph.

The court of second instance, upon finding an appeal meritorious, shall set aside the original judgment and remand the case to the court of first instance to retrial the case following the procedure prior to the judgment.

apply mutatis mutandis

rules for Appeal)

An appeal for a

bargaining judgment,

except otherwise

stipulated in this Part,

shall apply mutatis

mutandis Chapters I and

II of Part III.

Paragraph 1 of Article

159 and Article 284-1 do

not apply to the

bargaining process.

Part VIII Execution

Article 456

(Period of Execution)

A decision other than a

security preservation

measures shall be

executed once the
judgment is final, unless
otherwise specified.

Article 457

(Execution Authority)

The prosecutor of the
ruling court may shall be
executed under the
supervision of the
prosecutor of the ruling
court an execution of
judgment, unless the
nature shall be
determined by the court,
presiding judge,
commissioned judge,
requisitioned judge, or if
other special rules apply.

Where a lower court

shall execute the ruling
upon a dismissed
interlocutory appeal,
withdrawal of appeal or
interlocutory appeal, the
lower court shall be
supervised by the
prosecutor of the
appellate court.

Under circumstances
specified in the
preceding 2 paragraphs,
where the files are in the
lower court, the
prosecutor of the said
court shall supervise the
execution.

To supervise execution,
an execution instruction
shall be made along with
the copy or abbreviated
copy of written judgment
or record; provided that
this does not apply to
instructions other than
punishments or measure
for rehabilitation, where
an execution instruction
is not necessary.

Article 459

(Execution Order -

Principal Punishment)

Upon executing more

than 2 principal

punishments, except for

fines, the heavier ones

shall be executed first;

provided that a

prosecutor may instruct

to execute other

punishment first.

Article 460

(Execution of Capital

Punishment (I) - Review)

After a pronouncement

of capital punishment is

final, the prosecutor shall

promptly send the case

file to the highest judicial

authority.

Article 461

(Execution of Capital

Punishment (II) – Time

and Double Review)

Capital punishment shall

be approved by the

Minister of justice and be
executed within 3 days
after receiving such
approval; provided that
the executive prosecutor
may contact the highest
judicial authority for a
review in 3 days if
causes for a retrial or
extraordinary appeal
exist.

Article 462 (Execution of Capital
Punishment (III) - place)
Capital punishment shall
be executed in prisons.

Article 463 (Execution of Capital
Punishment (IV) –
Presence)

The prosecutor observes
and shall order a clerk to
attend for the execution
of capital punishment.

Except for persons
approved by the
prosecutor or prison
officials, no one may
enter the execution place
for capital punishment.

Article 464

(Execution of Capital
Punishment (V) –
Records)

The clerk on spot of the
capital punishment
execution shall make a
record.

Such record shall be

signed by the prosecutor
and prison official.

Article 465

(Suspension and
Resume of Capital
Punishment)

The highest judicial
authority may order to
suspend the execution if
it is found the one whom
death penalty is
pronounced is insane.

The highest judicial
authority may order to
suspend the execution of
a sentence of capital
punishment on a
pregnant woman before
she delivers.

Unless ordered by the
highest judicial authority,
suspension on capital
punishment pursuant to
the preceding 2
paragraphs may not be
resumed after the
subject recovers or
delivers.

Article 466

(Execution of
Punishment against
Freedom)
Unless otherwise
stipulates in laws,
persons sentenced
imprisonment or
detention shall be
detained in prisons

separately for labor
service; provided that
labor service may be
exempted if special
circumstance apply.

Article 467

(Suspension of

Punishment against

Freedom)

Upon the prosecutor's

command, one

pronounced

imprisonment or

detention may be

suspended from

execution before he/she

recovers or the cause

ceased if one of the

following circumstances

apply:

1. Insanity;
2. More than 5 months of pregnancy;
3. Just delivered in less than 2 months;
4. Currently suffering a disease and the execution may threaten his life.

Article 468

(Medical Care for Sentenced Person Suspended from Execution)

A prosecutor may send a sentenced person to the hospital or other proper location if the execution

is suspended pursuant to
Subparagraphs 1 and 4
of the preceding article.

Article 469

(Compulsive Measures
before Execution)

A prosecutor may
summon a person
pronounced a sentence
of capital punishment,
imprisonment or
detention but not yet
detained upon execution;
if such person fails to
appear without good
reason, he/she shall be
arrested with a warrant.

The sentenced in the
preceding paragraph

may be arrested with a
warrant pursuant to
Subparagraph 2 of
Paragraph 1 of Article 76
and issued a circular
order for the arrest
pursuant to Article 84.

Article 470

(Execution of

Punishment against

Property)

A ruling for fines,

pecuniary penalty,

confiscation, forfeit,

payment pursue, and

compensation shall be

executed upon

instruction by the

prosecutor; provided that

after pronouncing the
ruling for fines or
pecuniary penalty, if
consented by the
sentenced and the
prosecutor is absent, the
court may instruct the
execution at the trial.

The instruction in the
preceding paragraph has
the same effect as the
title for civil execution.

The legacy of the
sentenced may be
subject to the execution
of fines, confiscation,
forfeit, payment pursue,
and compensation.

Article 471

(Apply mutatis mutandis

the Civil Execution and

Requested Execution)

Execution in the

preceding article shall

apply mutatis mutandis

regulations for civil

executions.

A prosecutor may

request the civil

compulsory execution

division of the district

court to carry out

execution in the

preceding paragraph if

necessary.

Execution requested by

a prosecutor may be

exempted from the

execution fee.

Article 472

(Authority for
Confiscation)

The prosecutor shall
dispose confiscations.

Article 473

(Motion to Return
Confiscation)

Where a right holder
requests for return of
confiscated object
within 3 months since the
execution, the
prosecutor shall return
such items unless it is
damaged or discarded; if
such item is auctioned,
the price of auction shall
be returned to such

person.

Article 474

(Return of Fabricated or
Altered Items)

Upon returning

fabricated or altered

items, a prosecutor shall

excise or label the

fabricated or altered part.

Article 475

(Announcement and

Effect of Seized Property

Impossible to Return)

Where the location of the

right holder of the seized

property is unknown or

where a return is not

possible for other

causes, a prosecutor

shall make a public

announcement; if no one
requests for a return
after 6 months since the
announcement lapses,
the seized property shall
belong to the national
treasury.

During the preceding
period, valueless
property may be
discarded; if
inconvenient to preserve,
such items may be sold
at an auction and the
proceeds retained.

Article 476

(Request to Cancel the
Suspension of Sentence)
Where a pronouncement

of suspension of
sentence shall be set
aside, a prosecutor of
the district court where
the sentenced locates or
resides at last shall
request a ruling of the
said court.

Article 477

(Motion to Adjust the
Sentence)

A motion to adjust a
sentence pursuant to
Article 48 of the Criminal
Code or a motion to
ascertain the sentence
execution pursuant to
Articles 53 and 54 where
Subparagraphs 5 to 7 of

Article 51 of the Criminal
code applies shall be
filed by a prosecutor to
the court, which makes
the final judgment on
facts of the offense in the
said case, for a ruling.

In order to adjust the
sentence in the
preceding paragraph, the
sentenced, his statutory
agent, or agent may
request prosecutor in the
preceding paragraph to
file the motion.

Article 478 (Exemption from Labor
Service)

The exemption of labor

service pursuant to
proviso of Article 466
shall be instructed by the
prosecutor in charge of
the execution.

Article 479 (Commutation to Labor)
A fine commuted to
labor pursuant to
Paragraph 1 of Article 42
shall be instructed by the
prosecutor in charge of
the execution.

Article 480 (Execution and Law
Application for
Commutation to Labor
Service)
A person sentenced a
fine commuted to labor

service shall be
separately executed
from prisoners
sentenced imprisonment
or detention.

Article 2467 and 469
shall apply mutatis
mutandis to commutation
to labor service.

Article 481

(Execution of Security
Preservation Measures)
The prosecutor shall
request the court which
made the final judgment
regarding facts of an
offence to rule the
exemption from
execution pursuant to

Paragraph 3 of Article
86, Paragraph 3 of
Article 87, Paragraph 2
of Article 88, Paragraph
2 of Article 89,
Paragraph 2 of Article
90, or Paragraph 1 of
Article 98, an decision of
approved extension
pursuant to Paragraph 3
of Article 90, security
preservation measures
pursuant to Paragraph 2
of Article 93, or the
exemption from
execution pursuant to
the latter of Paragraph 1
and Paragraph 2 of
Article 98, and the

execution of approval
pursuant to Article 99 of
the Criminal Code. The
same rule also applies to
the compulsory
treatment pursuant
Paragraph 1 of Article
91-1 and the suspension
of compulsory treatment
pursuant Paragraph 2 of
the same article.

A prosecutor may
request the court to
pronounce a ruling if
security preservation
measure is necessary for
a decision of exempted
prosecution pursuant to
Paragraph 1 of Article 18

and Paragraph 1 of
Article 19 of the Criminal
Code.

Where a court does not
include security
preservation measures
in the decision, a
prosecutor may request
the court to rule on such
measure within 3 months
since the decision if the
prosecutor deems it
necessary.

Article 482 (Commutation to
Warning)

A prosecutor shall
execute commutation to
warning pursuant to

article 43 of the Criminal
Code.

Article 483 (Motion for Interpretation
– Meanings of a Guilty
Judgment)

Where a party doubts the
meaning of a guilty
judgment, he/she may
request the court which
pronounces such
judgment for
interpretation.

Article 484 (Objection - Instruction
by Prosecutor)

The sentenced and his
statutory agent or
spouse shall file an
objection to the court

which pronounces the
judgment upon finding
instructions by the
prosecutor inappropriate.

Article 485

(Motion and Cancellation
for Interpretation or
Objection)

A motion for
interpretation or
objection shall be filed in
writing.

A motion for
interpretation or
objection may be
withdrawn in writing
before the judgment.

Article 351 shall apply
mutatis mutandis to a

motion and cancellation

for interpretation or

objection.

Article 486

(Ruling on Motion for

Discrepancy or

Objection)

The court shall rule on

discrepancies or

objections.

Part IX Ancillary Civil Action

Article 487

(Parties and Plea under

Ancillary Civil Action)

Those who injured by an

offence may bring an

ancillary civil action

along with the criminal

procedure, to request

compensation from the

defendant and those
who may be liable under
the Civil Code.

The scope of plea in the
preceding paragraph
shall comply with the
Civil Code.

Article 488 (Filing Period)

An ancillary civil action
shall be filed after
criminal prosecution and
after the close of oral
arguments in the court of
second instance;
provided that it may not
be filed after the close of
oral arguments in the
court of first instance and

before the appeal.

Article 489

(Competent Court)

Where a court

pronounced a ruling

pursuant to Paragraph 2

of Article 6, and Articles

8 to 10 of the Code of

Criminal Procedure, it is

deemed to pronounce

the same ruling for a

supplement civil action.

A pronouncement of

mistake in jurisdiction

and case transfer under

the criminal procedure

shall also be made in the

supplement civil action.

Article 490

(Applicable Law (I) – the

Code of Criminal
Procedure)
Ancillary Civil Actions,
unless otherwise
stipulated in this Part,
shall apply mutatis
mutandis rules regarding
criminal procedure;
provided that once a
case is transferred,
remanded, or sent to a
civil court, the Code of
Civil Procedure shall
apply.

Article 491

(Applicable Law (II) – the
Code of Civil Procedure)
The following rules in the
Code of Civil Procedure

shall apply mutatis

mutandis to ancillary civil

action.

1. Capacity to be parties

and capacity to litigate;

2. Joinder of parties;

3. Intervention;

4. Advocates and

assistants

5. Termination of the

litigation;

6. Presence of the

parties;

7. Settlement;

8. Judgment pursuant to

abandonment of cause

of action;

9. Withdrawal a suit,

appeal or interlocutory

appeal;

10. Provisional

attachment, provisional

injunction, and

provisional Execution.

Article 492

(Initiation (I) - Complaint)

To file a Ancillary Civil

Action, the complaint

shall be filed to the court.

The complaint in the

preceding paragraph

shall apply mutatis

mutandis the Code of

Civil Procedure.

Article 493

(Service of the

Complaint and

Preparatory Pleading)

A party shall submit the

complaint and
preparatory pleading and
copies of such
documents pursuant to
the number of the
opposing party; the court
shall serve such
documents to the
opposing party.

Article 494

(Summon the Party and
Related Person)

On the trial date of
criminal action, parties
and related person in the
Ancillary Civil Action may
be summoned.

Article 495

(Initiation (II) - Verbal)

The plaintiff may file an

ancillary civil action

verbally when present at

the trial date.

One who prosecutes

verbally shall state and

record items to be set

forth in a complaint in the

records.

Paragraphs 2 to 4 of

Article 41 shall apply

mutatis mutandis to the

records in the preceding

paragraph.

Where a plaintiff

prosecutes verbally and

the opposing party is

absent or present but

requests the service of

records, such records

shall be served to the
opposing party.

Article 496

(Trial Period)

Trial of a supplement
civil action shall be
conducted subsequent to
the trial of criminal
action; provided that the
presiding judge may
order simultaneous
investigation upon
finding it necessary.

Article 497

(Prosecutor
Participation)

A prosecutor there is no
need to participate in the
trial of supplement civil
action.

Article 498

(Judgment without
Statement)

A judgment may be
pronounced without
waiting for his testimony
of a party if he/she is
legally summoned but
fails to appear without
due reasons or does not
argue while present at
court; the same rule
applies where a party
leaves the court without
being approved.

Article 499

(Discovery)

If the evidence is
investigated during a
criminal action, the

evidence in an ancillary
civil action may be
considered as having
been investigated.

A party or agent in the
supplement civil action
may state opinions
regarding investigation in
the preceding paragraph.

Article 500

(Fact Establishment)

A judgment for the
supplement civil action
shall be based on facts
established in the
criminal action; provided
that this does not apply
to a judgment pursuant
to abandonment of

cause of action.

Article 501

(Time of Judgment)

A judgment for

supplement civil action

shall be pronounced at

the same time as the

criminal action.

Article 502

(Ruling (I) – Overruled or

Judgment against

Defendant)

The court shall dismiss

plaintiff's suit by ruling

upon finding it illegal or

meritless.

The court shall enter a

judgment against the

defendant pursuant to

plaintiff's complaint upon

finding the latter

meritorious.

Article 503

(Ruling (II) – Overruled

or Transferred to Civil

Division)

The court shall dismiss

plaintiff's suit where the

criminal action was

pronounced not guilty,

exempt from

prosecution, or case

dismissed; provided that

the supplement civil

action shall be

transferred to the

competent civil court

where the plaintiff files a

motion.

Unless an appeal is filed
for criminal judgment, a
ruling in the preceding
paragraph cannot be
appealed.

Litigation fees shall apply
to cases transferred to
the civil court specified in
the proviso of Paragraph
1.

Where a private
prosecution case is
overruled by ruling, the
court shall overrule by
ruling plaintiff's complaint
and apply mutatis
mutandis the preceding
3 paragraphs.

Article 504

(Ruling (III) – Transfer to
the Civil Division)

The court may
pronounce to transfer a
supplement civil action to
the civil division of the
said court by a ruling of
the collegiate bench
upon finding such action
complicated and cannot
be resolved in a short
time; provided that
where the quorum for a
collegiate bench cannot
be reached, the
president of the court
may pronounce such
ruling.

An action transferred

pursuant to the
preceding paragraph is
exempt from the court
costs.

One may not file an
interlocutory appeal
against ruling in the
preceding paragraph.

Article 505

(Ruling (IV) – Transfer to
the Civil Division)

Supplement civil action
which applies the
summary proceeding
shall apply mutatis
mutandis Articles 501
and 504.

An action transferred
pursuant to the

preceding paragraph is
exempt from the court
costs.

One may not file an
interlocutory appeal
against a ruling in the
preceding paragraph.

Article 506

(Restriction to Appeal to
the Third Instance)

Where a judgment in the
second instance
regarding a criminal
action cannot be
appealed to the court of
third instance, the
judgment of the second
instance regarding the
supplement civil action

may be appeal to the
court of third instance;
provided that it is
restricted by Article 466
of the Code of Civil
Procedure.

An appeal in the
preceding paragraph
shall be tried in a civil
division.

Article 507 (Omission of Reasons in
Appeal to the Third
Instance for a
Supplement Civil Action)
Where a criminal
judgment in the second
instance has been
appealed to the court of

third instance, the
reason for appeal may
be omitted in the
supplement civil action if
it may be quoted from
the written criminal
appeal.

Article 508

(Judgment for Appeal to
the Third Instance (I) -
Overruled)

Where a court of third
instance overrules an
appeal for criminal action
upon finding it meritless,
it shall pronounce the
following decisions for
appeals regarding
supplement civil action

respectively:

1. Dismiss the appeal if

there is no violation of

laws which may be a

reason for appeal in the

original judgment of the

supplement civil action;

2. Where there is no

violation of laws which

may be a reason for

appeal in the original

judgment of the

supplement civil action,

the court shall set aside

the original judgment

and adjudicate the case;

provided that where the

hearing on facts is

necessary, the court may

transfer the case to the
civil division of the
original trial court or
deliver it to or the civil
division of other court of
the same level as the
original trial court.

Article 509

(Judgment for Appeal to
the Third Instance (II) -
Adjudication)

Where the court of third
instance set aside the
original judgment and
adjudicates the case
upon finding the appeal
in criminal procedure
meritorious, it shall
pronounce the judgment

in the appeal for

supplement civil action

as follows, respectively:

1. Where changes in the

criminal judgment may

affect the supplement

civil action, and where

there is no violation of

laws which may be a

reason for appeal in the

original judgment of the

supplement civil action,

the court shall set aside

the original judgment

and adjudicate the case;

provided that where

hearing on facts is

necessary, the court may

transfer the case to the

civil division of the
original trial court or
deliver it to or the civil
division of other court of
the same level as the
original trial court.

2. Where changes in the
criminal judgment do not
affect the supplement
civil action, and where
there is no violation of
laws which may be a
reason for appeal in the
original judgment of the
supplement civil action,
the appeal shall be
overruled.

the Third Instance (III) –

Remand or Delivery)

Where the court of third

instance set aside the

original judgment and

remands or delivers such

case to the original trial

court or other courts

upon finding an appeal

meritorious, it shall make

the same judgment for

the appeal for

supplement civil action.

Article 511

(Ruling (V) – Transferred

to a Civil Court)

Where a court shall only

try a supplement civil

action, it shall transfer

the case to the civil
division of the said court
by ruling; unless the
appeal for supplement
civil action is illegal.

One may not file an
interlocutory appeal
against ruling in the
preceding paragraph.

Article 512

(Retrial for Ancillary Civil
Action)

Motion for retrial shall be
filed to the division of the
original judgment court
pursuant to the Code of
Civil Procedure for those
who file a motion for
retrial on the judgment of

an ancillary civil action.
