

aircraft or the first port at which the ship or aircraft calls after the commission of the offence.

## 55. Union of South Africa

(a) MAGISTRATES' COURTS ACT, 3 JULY 1917 (ACT NO. 32 OF 1917), AS AMENDED. "REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" (1935), VOL. III, 1917-1920, PP. 342, 386.

*Section 87.* (1) Subject to the provisions of the last preceding section, any person charged with any offence committed within any district may be tried by the court of that district.

(2) When any person is charged with any offence:

(a) Committed within the distance of two miles beyond the boundary of the district; or

(b) Committed in or upon any vessel or vehicle employed on a voyage or journey any part whereof was performed within the distance of two miles of the district; or

(c) Begun or completed within the district;  
such person may be tried by the court of the district as if such person had been charged with an offence committed within the district.

(3) Where it is uncertain in which of several jurisdictions an offence has been committed, it may be tried in any of such jurisdictions.

(4) A person charged with any offence may be tried by the court of any district wherein any act or omission or event which is an element of the offence took place.

(5) A person charged with theft of any property or with obtaining by any offence any property or with any offence which involves the receiving of any property by him may also be tried by the court of any district wherein he has or had any part of the property in his possession.

(6) A person charged with kidnapping, child-stealing or abduction may be tried by the court of the district in which this took place or of any district through or in which he conveyed or concealed or detained the person kidnapped, stolen or abducted.

(7) Where by any special provision of law a magistrate's court has jurisdiction in respect of any offence committed beyond the local limits of the district, such court shall not be deprived of such jurisdiction by any of the provisions of this section.

(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section the Attorney-General may, with the consent of the person charged with having committed any offence within the area of jurisdiction of such Attorney-General, cause such person to be tried for such offence in the court of any district within such area.