

ARTICLE III

Authority for Re-opening Ordinary Civil and Criminal Courts

5. Each Oberlandesgericht, Landgericht, and Amtsgericht within the occupied territory shall re-open and resume its usual* functions only when and to the extent specified in written directions of Military Government.

6. Unless otherwise provided in such written directions, said courts, when re-opened, shall give priority to the trial and disposition of the following classes of cases in the order named:

- (a) Criminal cases initiated during the period between the effective date of this law and the re-opening of the court;
- (b) Criminal cases initiated before the effective date of this law;
- (c) Criminal cases initiated after the re-opening of the court;
- (d) Contentious and non-contentious civil cases initiated prior or subsequent to re-opening of the court involving:
 - (1) domestic relations,
 - (2) personal status,
 - (3) claims in tort involving life, liberty or personal physical injuries, but excluding defamation,
 - (4) other claims in tort and other civil cases involving amounts not exceeding Five Hundred Marks (RM 500).
 - (5) other civil cases.

ARTICLE IV

Re-opening of Administrative and Other Courts Temporarily Suspended

7. Each such court shall re open and resume its usual functions only when and to the extent specified in written directions of Military Government.