

*These notes refer to the Regulatory Reform Act 2001
(c.6) which received Royal Assent on 10th April 2001*

REGULATORY REFORM ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 1: Power by order to make provision reforming law which imposes burdens

“...make provision for the purpose of reforming legislation which has the effect of imposing burdens...”

42. The concept of “burden” is dealt with below at section 2. Beyond that, the effect of this part of the section is to preclude any order which is not predicated on the reform of burdensome legislation. So, for example, before the enactment of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000, an order could not have been used to make entirely new provision creating a new form of legal entity for the incorporation of limited liability partnerships. But an order could have achieved the same end by amendment of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907. And an order could be used to remove the duplicatory accounting requirements whereby NHS bodies must submit accounts of charitable funds to the Charity Commission under charity law and also to the National Audit Office under health legislation.