

*These notes refer to the Commons Act 2006 (c.26)  
which received Royal Assent on 19 July 2006*

# COMMONS ACT 2006

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### OVERVIEW

#### Part 1: Registration

27. **Part 1** of the Act provides for commons registration authorities to continue to keep registers of common land and town or village greens ('the commons registers'), and to permit amendments to be made to the registers in accordance with the provisions in that Part. This replaces and improves the registration system under the 1965 Act, but using the same registers prepared under that Act.
28. In particular, Part 1 includes provisions for:
- the amendment of the registers upon the occurrence of registrable events, such as the disposition of rights of common, statutory dispositions of common land (*e.g.* under compulsory purchase legislation) and the creation of new town or village greens;
  - the prohibition of the severance of a registered right of common from any land to which it is attached, subject to certain exceptions;
  - the deregistration of common land and registration of other land as common land in exchange, subject to the consent of the appropriate national authority;
  - the correction of errors in the registers by commons registration authorities;
  - the establishment of electronic registers;
  - transitional powers to rectify mistakes made in registers under the 1965 Act, and to register events which occurred while the 1965 Act was in force; and
  - ensuring that only registered rights of common may be exercised over land to which Part 1 applies.