

*These notes refer to the Deregulation Act 2015 (c.20)  
which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015*

# DEREGULATION ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Schedule 23: Legislation no longer of practical use*

#### **Part 5: Environment**

#### **Highways (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1988 and 1994**

953. *Paragraph 30* revokes two spent statutory instruments related to the assessment of the effects on the environment of certain projects for constructing or improving a highway.
954. The Highways (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1988 inserted a new Part 5A on Environmental Impact Assessments into the Highways Act 1980 (“the 1980 Act”) so as to implement Council Directive [85/337/EEC](#). These provisions were amended by the Highways (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1994. The provisions contained in both sets of regulations were superseded by [S.I. 1999/369](#), which inserted a replacement Part 5A into the 1980 Act so as to implement Council Directive [97/11/EC](#) (which amended Directive [85/337/EEC](#)).
955. The Regulations form part of the law of England and Wales (as will the revocations). The revocations come into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which the Act is passed.