

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

DEREGULATION ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 23: Legislation no longer of practical use

Part 6: Animals and food

Animal Health Act 1981

964. *Paragraph 37* in Part 6 of this Schedule repeals the whole of Part 2A (sections 36A to 36M) of the Animal Health Act 1981, an Act which forms part of the law of England and Wales. The repeal has the same extent. The enabling powers that were inserted by the Animal Health Act 2002 as Part 2A (Scrapie) of the Animal Health Act 1981 have never been exercised and are no longer required; the relevant provisions of the Animal Health Act 2002 are repealed by *paragraph 38*. There had been a concern about the risk that scrapie disease might mask other disease in sheep and therefore it was planned to introduce a compulsory programme for breeding resistance to scrapie in sheep. However following further scientific evidence the EU decided against introducing such compulsory breeding programmes.
965. *Paragraphs 37 and 38* come into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which the Act is passed.