

*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 7: Ascertainment of rights of way***

#### **Part 2: New Schedule 13A to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

##### **Prescribed form of application**

623. Paragraph 1 of Schedule 13A sets out the existing requirement for an application to be made in the prescribed form and be accompanied by a map drawn to the prescribed scale and copies of any documentary evidence which the applicant wishes to adduce in support of the application. But it has been amended to enable a surveying authority to inform a potential applicant for an order modifying the definitive map that they already have access to a particular piece of documentary evidence and do not require a copy of it to be submitted to them. This reduces the burden on applicants, who are mostly from the voluntary sector, of having to make unnecessary copies of documents for submission with an application.
624. A new sub-paragraph (2) obliges regulations under sub-paragraph (1) to require each application for an order modifying the definitive map to include an explanation as to why the applicant believes that the definitive map and statement should be modified. The requirement in the existing paragraph 2 of Schedule 14, for an applicant to serve notice of the application on the landowner, no longer applies.