

*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 3: New Schedule 14A to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

#### **Restriction on power to confirm orders with modifications**

658. **Paragraph 14** replicates paragraph 8 of Schedule 15, which provides that, where the Secretary of State proposes to make significant specified modifications to an order, the modified order must be publicised and any objections or representations taken into account. The provisions in Schedule 15 are amended insofar as paragraph 14(3) enables the Secretary of State, in deciding whether to confirm the order, to do so by receipt (through a person appointed) of written representations as an alternative to holding an inquiry or hearing. This will provide a less costly option than an inquiry or hearing.