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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 2713**

**COUNTRYSIDE, ENGLAND**

**The Access to the Countryside (Exclusions  
and Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2003**

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**THE ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE (EXCLUSIONS  
AND RESTRICTIONS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003**

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Access to the Countryside (Exclusions and Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2003. (See end of Document for details)

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SCHEDULE — Persons to be sent copies of notices relating to proposed directions

Explanatory Note

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