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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make amendments to Acts of Parliament in relation to compulsory purchase. Regulation 2 introduces the Schedule which contains amendments corresponding to those made by Schedule 15 to the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c. 22) (“the 2016 Act”).

Schedule 15 to the 2016 Act omits section 3 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 (c. 66) so that there is no longer a requirement to serve a preliminary notice before making a general vesting declaration. The information previously included in such a notice is, instead, to be included in the confirmation notice of a compulsory purchase order under section 15 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c.67) (“the 1981 Act”) or (as the case may be) the making notice under paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to that Act, and is therefore to be given to the same persons as that confirmation or making notice.

The Acts specified in the Schedule to these Regulations contain compulsory purchase powers which do not depend on the 1981 Act for the procedure to make an order authorising the compulsory acquisition of land. The Schedule amends the Acts so as to make provision corresponding to the amendments made by Schedule 15 to the 2016 Act to section 15 of, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to, the 1981 Act.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for these regulations as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.