

*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 22: Removal of consultation requirements

Part 1: Measures affecting England only

Forestry Act 1979: metrication of measurements

856. *Paragraph 6.* Section 2(2) of the Forestry Act 1979 made provision for the Forestry Commissioners, in relation to England, and the Welsh Ministers, in relation to Wales, to make regulations to change various imperial measurements in relevant forestry legislation to metric units. The power in section 2(2) extends to public general, local or private Acts. Section 2(4) obliged the Forestry Commissioners and the Welsh Ministers to consult persons or organisations whose interests might be affected by such changes. Paragraph 6 removes this requirement but only in relation to regulations made by the Forestry Commissioners. The requirement to consult continues in relation to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers.
857. *Section 2* forms part of the law of England and Wales and Scotland. The amendment affects England only. It comes into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which the Act is passed.