

*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 23: Legislation no longer of practical use*

#### **Part 6: Animals and food**

##### **Breeding of Dogs Act 1973**

962. *Paragraph 35* of this Schedule repeals the requirement under the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 for local authorities, when deciding whether to grant a dog breeding licence, to have regard to the need for securing that dog breeding records be kept in a prescribed form and to specify licence conditions to secure that objective. With the introduction in England of compulsory microchipping of all dogs from 6 April 2016 and proposed regulations about microchipping in Wales most of the information will be contained on the database relating to the microchip.
963. The 1973 Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland but the amendments to it will form part of the law of England and Wales only. The amendments will only come into force once commencement orders are made by the Secretary of State, in relation to England, and by the Welsh Ministers, in relation to Wales.