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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend as respects England and Wales the Forestry (Felling of Trees) Regulations 1979 (S.I. 1979/791, as amended by S.I. 1987/632). They insert a definition of “electronic communication” and a provision relating to references to the communication being “authenticated” to enable applications for felling licences to be made electronically. They also substitute a new regulation 4 and a new Schedule 2, which sets out particulars to be included in an application for a felling licence (instead of the previous requirement to complete a standard application form). They come into force on 1st March 2002.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Forestry (Felling of Trees) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.