
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 16 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000⁽¹⁾ enables persons to dedicate their land for the purposes of Part 1 of that Act, which established a new regime for access to the countryside. Part 9 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009⁽²⁾ amends section 16 to make provision to enable persons to dedicate land which is coastal margin or adjacent to it as coastal margin.

These Regulations amend the Access to the Countryside (Dedication of Land) (England) Regulations 2003⁽³⁾, which provide for the steps to be taken when land is dedicated under section 16. The amendments in these Regulations make provision for the steps to be taken when land is dedicated under section 16 as coastal margin. In particular they—

- (i) provide for the information required to be provided to persons requested to consent to a dedication of land to include a statement as to whether or not the land is to be dedicated as coastal margin (regulation 4);
- (ii) provide for an instrument of dedication to include a statement as to whether or not the land is dedicated as coastal margin (regulation 5); and
- (iii) enable a previous dedication under section 16 to be amended to provide that the land is dedicated as coastal margin, and that any exclusion or restriction of access in effect on the land immediately prior to dedication of land as coastal margin shall cease to have effect (regulation 7).

A separate Impact Assessment has not been prepared in respect of these Regulations, because the Impact Assessment which was prepared for Part 9 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Coastal Access) examined the impact of the implementation of Part 9 of which these Regulations form part.

(1) 2000 c. 37.
(2) 2009 c. 23.
(3) S.I. 2003/2004.