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Part XIV MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Miscellaneous powers etc. of highway authorities and local authorities

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(3) A person authorised under this section to enter upon any land shall, if so required, produce evidence of his authority before entering; and a person shall not under this section demand admission as of right to any land which is occupied unless at least 7 days' notice in writing of the intended entry has been given to the occupier.

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Notes

- [1.](#) Words substituted by Transport and Works Act 1992 c. 42 [Sch.2 para.7](#) (December 22, 1992 for the purpose of making regulations; January 31, 1993 otherwise)
- [2.](#) Amended by Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 c. 37 [Sch.6\(l\) para.17](#) (July 15, 2005: amendment has effect in relation to Wales on July 15, 2005 for purposes specified in SI 2005/1314 art.3(d)(iii) and is not in force in relation to Wales otherwise)
- [3.](#) Words substituted by Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c.48), ss. 38, 46
- [4.](#) Words inserted by Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 c. 37 [Sch.6\(l\) para.17\(a\)](#) (February 12, 2003 as SI 2003/272)
- [5.](#) Words substituted by Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 c. 37 [Sch.6\(l\) para.17\(b\)](#) (February 12, 2003: substitution has effect in relation to England for the purposes specified in SI 2003/272 art.2(k)(ii) and is not yet in force otherwise)

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