

These notes refer to the Football (Offences and Disorder) Act 1999 (c.21) which received Royal Assent on 27th July 1999

FOOTBALL (OFFENCES AND DISORDER) ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND

Recent Developments

10. In November 1998, the Government issued a consultation document, entitled the Review of Football-Related Legislation, which set out suggested changes to improve and strengthen the existing legislation relating to football. The measures proposed would provide recourse to the law to prevent a range of offenders from attending matches in this country and travelling to and attending designated matches abroad.
11. Respondents generally welcomed the measures proposed. They also recognised the need to ensure that the law-abiding supporter was able to attend and watch football matches in a safe and secure environment. Respondents also recognised that the recommendations of the consultation document were aimed at targeting those individuals who choose to disrupt football.