



Football (Offences and Disorder) Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 21

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- (1) In the Football Spectators Act 1989 (referred to in this Act as the 1989 Act) in section 15 (which confers powers on courts to make restriction orders) for subsections (1) to (5) substitute—

“(1) Subject to subsection (3) below—

- (a) a court by or before which a person is convicted of a relevant offence, or
- (b) if a person convicted of such an offence is committed to the Crown Court to be dealt with, the Crown Court on dealing with him for the offence,

shall have the power to make an international football banning order in relation to him.

- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, it shall be the duty of the court to make an international football banning order in relation to the accused if it is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to believe that making the order would help to prevent violence or disorder at or in connection with designated football matches.

- (2A) Where the court has power to make an international football banning order in relation to the accused but does not do so, it shall state in open court that it is not satisfied that there are such reasonable grounds as are mentioned in subsection (2) above and give reasons why it is not satisfied.

- (3) An international football banning order may only be made—

- (a) in addition to a sentence imposed in respect of the offence of which the accused is (or was) convicted; or
- (b) in addition to an order discharging him absolutely or conditionally.

- (4) An international football banning order may be made as mentioned in subsection (3)(b) above notwithstanding anything in sections 1A and 1C of the Powers of the Criminal Courts Act 1973 (which relate to orders discharging a person absolutely or conditionally and their effect).
 - (5) An international football banning order shall specify the police station in England or Wales at which the person subject to the order is to report initially.”
- (2) In consequence of subsection (1)—
- (a) for “A “restriction order””, in section 14(4) of the 1989 Act, substitute “An “international football banning order””,
 - (b) for “a restriction order”, wherever occurring in sections 14(5), 16(2) and (4), 17(5) and (6), 18 to 20, 22 and 23 of the 1989 Act, substitute “an international football banning order”,
 - (c) for “restriction orders”, wherever occurring in sections 14, 19 and 21 of the 1989 Act, substitute “international football banning orders”,
 - (d) for “the restriction order”, wherever occurring in sections 17 and 18 of the 1989 Act, substitute “the international football banning order”,
 - (e) for “a restriction order”, in section 10(3)(c)(iv) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, substitute “an international football banning order”, and
 - (f) for “reporting duty imposed by restriction order”, in section 24(2)(q) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, substitute “duty imposed by international football banning order”.