
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1266

SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS

**The Football Spectators (Corresponding
Offences in France) Order 1998**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>19th May 1998</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>20th May 1998</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st June 1998</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of May 1998

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it appears to Her Majesty that the offences under the law of France described in Schedule 1 to this Order correspond to offences specified in Schedule 1 to the Football Spectators Act 1989⁽¹⁾:
Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 22(1) of the Football Spectators Act 1989, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Corresponding Offences in France) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 1st June 1998.

(2) In this Order “the 1989 Act” means the Football Spectators Act 1989.

2.—(1) The offences under the law of France which are described in Schedule 1 to this Order are hereby specified as offences corresponding to the offences specified in Schedule 1 to the 1989 Act.

(2) In Schedule 1 to this Order—

(a) the expression “period relevant to” shall be construed in accordance with section 1(8) of the 1989 Act, and

(b) “specified football match” means any association football match played in France involving a team which represents—

(i) a country or territory, or

⁽¹⁾ 1989 c. 37; Schedule 1 was amended by section 5(3) of the Football Offences Act 1991 (c. 19).

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- (ii) a club from England or Wales which is, at the time the match is played, a member of the Football Association Premier League or (whether a full or associate member) of the Football League.

N. H. Nicholls
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Article 2

OFFENCES UNDER THE LAW OF FRANCE CORRESPONDING TO OFFENCES IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THE 1989 ACT

1. Any offence of being in a state of intoxication committed by the accused at any specified football match or while entering or trying to enter the ground.
2. Any offence of bringing alcoholic drinks into the ground committed by the accused during a period relevant to a specified football match.
3. Any offence involving the use or threat of violence by the accused towards another person committed during a period relevant to a specified football match at any premises while the accused was at, or was entering or trying to enter or leave, the premises.
4. Any offence involving the use or threat of violence towards property committed by the accused during a period relevant to a specified football match at any premises while the accused was at, or was entering or leaving or trying to enter or leave, the premises.
5. Any offence involving the incitement by the accused by any means of hatred or violence against persons by reason of their colour, race, or national or ethnic origins committed during a period relevant to a specified football match at any premises while the accused was at, or was entering or leaving or trying to enter or leave, the premises.
6. Any offence involving the display of racist material committed by the accused during a period relevant to a specified football match at any premises while the accused was at, or was entering or leaving, or trying to enter or leave, the premises.
7. Any offence involving the throwing of any object which might present a danger to any persons committed by the accused at a specified football match.
8. Any offence involving going on to the playing area in such a way as to disrupt the match or threaten the security of persons or property committed by the accused at a specified football match.
9. Any offence involving the use or threat of violence by the accused towards another person committed while the accused was on a journey to or from a specified football match, being an offence which related to football matches.
10. Any offence involving the use or threat of violence by the accused to property committed while the accused was on a journey to or from a specified football match, being an offence which related to football matches.
11. Any offence involving being in a state of intoxication and causing a disturbance committed while the accused was on a journey to or from a specified football match, being an offence which related to football matches.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of, and Schedule 1 to, this Order specify offences under the law of France which appear to Her Majesty to correspond to certain of the offences specified in Schedule 1 to the Football Spectators

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Act 1989. Under section 22 of that Act proceedings may be commenced before magistrates against a person who resides or is believed to reside in an area in England or Wales if that person has been convicted of such an offence. Under such proceedings a restriction order may be made against such a person. Under section 19 of that Act the person to whom such an order applies may be required to report to a police station in England or Wales on the occasion of a football match played in any country outside England and Wales of a description for the time being designated by order under section 14(2) of that Act.