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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 1845**

**SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS**

**The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 1998**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>29th July 1998</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>30th July 1998</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>20th August 1998</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 1(1) and 18(2) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975(1), after such consultation as is mentioned in section 18(4) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 20th August 1998.

**Designation**

2. The sports grounds specified in the Schedule to this Order (being sports grounds in England at which association football matches are played and which are occupied by a club which is a member of the Football League Limited or the Football Association Premier League Limited or the Football Association Premier League Limited, each of which in the opinion of the Secretary of State has accommodation for more than 5,000 spectators) are hereby designated as sports grounds requiring safety certificates under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975(2).

**Amendment of the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 1976**

3. In Schedule to the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 1976(3), the entries in respect of—

- (a) Victoria Ground, Stoke-on-Trent; and
- (b) Roker Park Ground, Sunderland,

shall be omitted.

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(1) 1975 c. 52: section 1(1) was amended by Schedule 2 to the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 (c. 27).  
(2) The number 5,000 was substituted for the number in section 1(1) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 for Football League grounds in England and Wales by the Safety of Sports Grounds (Accommodation of Spectators) Order 1996 (S.I.1996/499).  
(3) S.I. 1976/1264.

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29th July 1998

*Chris Smith*  
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

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SCHEDULE

Article 2

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<i>Address of Sports Ground</i>	<i>Occupier of Sports Ground</i>
Withdean Stadium Tongdean Lane Brighton BN1 5JD	Brighton and Hove Albion
Madejski Stadium Bennet Road Reading RG2 OFL	Reading

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Article 2 of this Order designates the sports grounds specified in the Schedule as sports grounds requiring a safety certificate under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975.

Article 3 of this Order varies the Order referred to therein by omitting entries which are no longer sports grounds.