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**SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Football Spectators (Prescription) (Amendment)
Order 2010**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>1st March 2010</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>4th March 2010</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st April 2010</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989(a).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2010 and comes into force on 1st April 2010.

Amendments to the 2004 Order

2. The Football Spectators (Prescription) Order 2004(b) is amended as follows—

- (a) In article 3(1) for “paragraph (2)” substitute “paragraphs (2) or (3)”;
- (b) In article 3(2)(a) omit “or the League of Wales” and insert “, the Welsh Premier League, the Scottish Premier League or the Scottish Football League”;
- (c) After article (2) insert—

“(3) A regulated football match is an association football match played in the Football Association Cup (other than in a preliminary or qualifying round).”;
- (d) In article 4(2)(b) omit “or the League of Wales” and insert “, the Welsh Premier League, the Scottish Premier League or the Scottish Football League”; and
- (e) After article 4(2)(d) insert—

“or

 - (e) a team representing a country or territory where the match is part of the Games of the Thirtieth Olympiad which take place in 2012.”

(a) 1989 c. 37. Section 14 was substituted by section 1 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to, the Football (Disorder) Act 2000 (c. 25).

(b) S.I. 2004/2409. This Order was amended by S. I. 2006/761.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which comes into force on 1st April 2010, amends the Football Spectators (Prescription) Order 2004 by including three new types of association football match within the regulated football match provisions of Part II of the Football Spectators Act 1989 (“the Act”).

A football banning order, made under the Act, will prohibit the individual from attending any regulated football match. The definition of a regulated football match is also used in Schedule 1 to the Act which sets out a list of relevant offences (often offences occurring at or on the way to and from a regulated football match), the commission of which can lead to a football banning order being made by the court.

This Order is being made in part to reflect changes to the Act made by sections 103 to 107 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c. 26) ensuring that football banning orders made under the Act are recognised and enforced in Scotland and Northern Ireland and that similar orders made under Scottish legislation are enforced in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Therefore this Order includes, in the definition of regulated football match, matches played in the Scottish Premier League or Scottish Football League. The Order also amends the name of the Welsh Premier League.

In addition, the Order expands the definition of a regulated football match to include all matches played in the Football Association Cup, other than matches played in a preliminary or qualifying round, and matches played in the 2012 Olympics.

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