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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 1257**

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

**The Football Spectators (2018 World  
Cup Control Period) Order 2017**

*Made* - - - - *12th December 2017*  
*Laid before Parliament* *15th December 2017*  
*Coming into force* - - *31st January 2018*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(6) and 22A(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989(1), makes the following Order.

The Secretary of State considers that the provision made by article 2 of this Order is expedient in order to secure the effective enforcement of Part 2 of that Act.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (2018 World Cup Control Period) Order 2017 and comes into force on 31st January 2018.

(2) In this Order—

“the 1989 Act” means the Football Spectators Act 1989;

“the Tournament” means the external tournament known as the 2018 FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup in Russia.

**Beginning of control period**

2. Section 14(6) of the 1989 Act has effect in relation to the Tournament as if, for the reference to five days, there were substituted a reference to ten days.

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(1) 1989 c. 37. Section 14 was substituted by paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to the Football (Disorder) Act 2000 (c. 25) (“the 2000 Act”) and has been amended by section 103(1) and (2)(a) of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c. 26) (“the 2009 Act”). Section 22A was inserted by paragraphs 9 and 18 of Schedule 2 to the 2000 Act. There are amendments to section 22A that are not relevant to this Order. Section 27 of the Football Spectators Act 1989 (“the 1989 Act”) provides that it extends to England and Wales only. Section 105(1) of the 2009 Act provides that sections 14J(1), 19(6) and 20(10) of the 1989 Act extend to Scotland and Northern Ireland. This instrument makes provision for the description of the “control period” for the Tournament. This is relevant to the enforcement in Scotland and Northern Ireland of the offences under sections 14J(1), 19(6) and 20(10) of the 1989 Act.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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### **Control period**

3. In relation to the Tournament, the period described as a control period for the purposes of Part 2 of the 1989 Act is the period beginning on 4th June 2018, being ten days before the day of the first football match which is included in the Tournament, and ending when the last football match included in the Tournament is finished or cancelled (which, subject to postponement, is due to be on 15th July 2018).

12th December 2017

*Nick Hurd*  
Minister of State  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prescribes the control period under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (“the Act”) for the 2018 FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup in Russia. The control period begins on 4th June 2018, which is ten days before the first match in the tournament, and ends when the last match in the tournament is finished or cancelled. The last match is due to be played on 15th July 2018.

During the control period, powers under sections 21A and 21B of the Act (summary powers to detain and refer to a court with a view to making a banning order) are exercisable. Individuals subject to a banning order may be required to surrender their passports during a control period under section 19 of the Act. In addition, bail conditions can be imposed on individuals requiring them to surrender their passports during a control period under section 14A (banning orders made on conviction of an offence) and section 14B (banning orders made on complaint) of the Act.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.