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

**The Football (Offences) (Designation of Football Matches)
(Amendment) Order 2022**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>6th June 2022</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>8th June 2022</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st July 2022</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(1) of the Football (Offences) Act 1991(a), makes the following Order.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Football (Offences) (Designation of Football Matches) (Amendment) Order 2022 and shall come into force on 1st July 2022.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales.

Amendment to the Football (Offences) (Designation of Football Matches) Order 2004

2.—(1) The Football (Offences) (Designation of Football Matches) Order 2004(b) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 3(2)—

- (a) after “Football Conference,” insert “the Football Association Women’s Super League, the Football Association Women’s Championship,”;
- (b) for “Scottish Football League” substitute “Scottish Professional Football League”.

6th June 2022

Kit Malthouse
Minister of State
Home Office

(a) 1991 c. 19.

(b) S.I. 2004/2410, amended by S.I. 2011/1187.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which comes into force on 1st July 2022, amends the Football (Offences) (Designation of Football Matches) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2410) (“the 2004 Order”) which designates football matches for the purposes of the Football (Offences) Act 1991 (c.19) (“the 1991 Act”). The 1991 Act introduced penalties for certain types of misconduct at designated football matches.

This Order brings within the scope of the 1991 Act association football matches in which one or both participating teams represent a club which is a member of the Football Association Women’s Super League or the Football Association Women’s Championship.

This Order also updates the reference in the 2004 Order to the Scottish Football League, to reflect the merger of the Scottish Football League and the Scottish Premier League to create the Scottish Professional Football League.

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. The Explanatory Memorandum is available at www.legislation.gov.uk; copies may be obtained from the Home Office at 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

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