

These notes refer to the Football (Offences and Disorder) Act 1999 (c.21) which received Royal Assent on 27th July 1999

FOOTBALL (OFFENCES AND DISORDER) ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 3: Conditions and duty to report

16. This section amends the 1989 Act so as to confer powers on the courts to impose conditions when making an international football banning order. Those conditions may include conditions with respect to the surrender of passports. A person may not be required to surrender his passport more than five days in advance of a requirement to report and his passport must be returned as soon as reasonably practicable after the match in question has taken place. The section creates an offence of failing to comply with such conditions. The enforcing authority will retain the ability to grant exemptions from any requirement to report and may grant exemptions from any requirement to comply with such conditions. The section also places a requirement on the person subject to a reporting requirement to report to a named police station in England and Wales. This removes the ability of a person subject to

an order to attend a police station of their choice without prior indication to that police station or to the enforcing authority.