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SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS

The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (Extension to Football Grounds) Order 1986

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>24th June 1986</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>30th June 1986</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>21st July 1986</i>

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 15 of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975(a), and after such consultation as is mentioned in section 18(4) of that Act, I hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (Extension to Football Grounds) Order 1986 and shall come into operation on 21st July 1986.

(2) This Order shall not extend to Scotland.

2.—(1) The provisions of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 which are not expressed to apply to sports grounds other than sports stadia shall extend to sports grounds at which Association Football, Rugby League Football or Rugby Union Football is played.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, the provisions referred to in paragraph (1) above shall have effect as if:—

- (a) for the word “stadium” there are substituted the words “sports ground”;
- (b) for the words “sports stadium” there are substituted the words “sports grounds at which Association Football, Rugby League Football or Rugby Union Football is played”; and
- (c) for the words “designated stadium” there are substituted the words “designated sports ground”.

Douglas Hurd,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
24th June 1986.

(a) 1975 c.52.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order extends to sports grounds at which Association Football, Rugby League Football or Rugby Union Football is played the provisions of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 ("the 1975 Act") which are not expressed to apply to sports grounds other than sports stadia. Apart from making the necessary adaptation to the expressions "stadium", "sports stadium" and "designated stadium", the Order makes no other exception or modification in the extension of the provisions about stadia to sports grounds of the class described above. The effect of the Order is that the Secretary of State may by order designate as a sports ground requiring a certificate under the 1975 Act, as extended, any sports ground of the class described above which in his opinion has accommodation for more than 10,000 spectators. The provisions in the 1975 Act about such certificates, which previously applied only in respect of stadia, will accordingly apply to a sports ground designated under section 1, as extended.

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