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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 761**

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

**The Football Spectators (Prescription)  
(Amendment) Order 2006**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>14th March 2006</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>20th March 2006</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>10th April 2006</i>

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

1. This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Prescription)(Amendment) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 10th April 2006.

2.—(1) For paragraph (2) of article 1 of the Football Spectators (Prescription) Order 2004(2) substitute—

“(2) In this Order—

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

“FIFA” means the Federation Internationale de Football Associations, and

“UEFA” means the Union des Associations Europeennes de football.”

(2) For paragraph (2) of article 3 of that Order substitute—

“(2) A regulated match is an association football match in which one or both of the participating teams represents—

(a) a club which is for the time being a member (whether a full or associate member) of the Football League, the Football Association Premier League, the Football Conference or the League of Wales;

(b) a club whose home ground is for the time being situated outside England and Wales, or

(c) a country or territory.”.

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(1) 1989 c. 37; Sections 14(2) and 22A were, respectively, substituted and inserted by the Football (Disorder) Act 2000 (c. 25).

(2) S.I. 2004/2409.

(3) For paragraph (2) of article 4 of that Order substitute—

“(2) A regulated match is an association football match involving—

- (a) a national team appointed by the Football Association to represent England or appointed by the Football Association of Wales to represent Wales;
- (b) a team representing a club which is for the time being a member (whether a full or associate member) of the Football League, the Football Association Premier League, the Football Conference or the League of Wales;
- (c) a team representing any country or territory whose football association is for the time being a member of FIFA, where—
  - (i) the match is part of a competition or tournament organised by, or under the authority of, FIFA or UEFA, and
  - (ii) the competition or tournament is one in which a team referred to in subparagraph (a) above is eligible to participate or has participated; or
- (d) a team representing a club which is for the time being a member (whether a full or associate member) of, or affiliated to, a national football association which is a member of FIFA, where—
  - (i) the match is part of a competition or tournament organised by, or under the authority of, FIFA or UEFA, and
  - (ii) the competition or tournament is one in which a club referred to in subparagraph (b) above is eligible to participate or has participated.”

Home Office  
14th March 2006

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which comes into force on 10th April 2006, amends the Football Spectators (Prescription) Order 2004 (“the 2004 Order”) by prescribing additional matches for the purposes of Part II of the Football Spectators Act 1989 (“regulated matches”).

Paragraph (2) of article 2 adds to those football matches which are regulated matches in England and Wales, any match in which a participating team represents a club from outside England and Wales.

Paragraph 3 makes two additions to those football matches which are regulated outside England and Wales. The first is any match involving a country or territory whose football association is a member of the Federation Internationale de Football Associations (“FIFA”), where the match is part of a competition or tournament organised by or under the authority of FIFA or the Union des Associations Europeennes de Football (“UEFA”), and where the competition or tournament is one in which the England or Wales national team is eligible to participate or has participated.

The second addition is any match involving a club whose national football association is a member of FIFA, where the match is part of a competition or tournament organised by or under the authority of FIFA or UEFA, and where the competition or tournament is one in which a club from the Football League, the Football Association Premier League, the Football Conference or the League of Wales is eligible to participate or has participated.

It is an offence under section 166 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 for an unauthorised person to sell, offer or expose for sale, a ticket for a regulated match in a public place, or a place to which the public have access, or in the course of a trade or business. The effect of a banning order under the Football Spectators Act 1989 is that the individual concerned is prohibited from attending regulated matches in England and Wales and must report to a police station when required to do so on the occasion of regulated matches outside England and Wales.