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**SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS,
ENGLAND**

**The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Amendment)
(England) Order 2022**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>8th February 2022</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>14th February 2022</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>7th March 2022</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and 18(2) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975(a).

The Secretary of State is of the opinion that the conditions in section 1(1) of that Act are satisfied(b) and has, in accordance with section 18(4) of that Act, consulted with such persons and bodies of persons as appear requisite to the Secretary of State.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Amendment) (England) Order 2022 and comes into force on 7th March 2022.

Amendment to the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015

2.—(1) The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015(c) is amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1 (sports grounds designated under article 2(1)), after the entry for The Recreation Ground, occupied by Bath Rugby Club, insert—

“Alexander Stadium, Walsall Road, Perry Barr, B42 2LR	” Birmingham City Council”.
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(a) 1975 c. 52; section 1(1) was amended by Schedule 2 to the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 (c. 27).
(b) By section 1(1) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, the Secretary of State may by order designate as a sports ground requiring a safety certificate under that Act any sports ground which, in the Secretary of State’s opinion, has accommodation for more than 10,000 spectators. The Safety of Sports Grounds (Accommodation of Spectators) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/499) substituted the number 5,000 for the number of spectators specified in section 1(1) of that Act in respect of sports grounds in England and Wales at which association football matches are played and which are occupied by a football club which is a member of the Football League Limited or the Football Association Premier League Limited.
(c) S.I. 2015/661, amended by S.I. 2015/1556; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

8th February 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under section 1(1) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (c. 52) (“the Act”), where the Secretary of State is of the opinion that a sports ground has accommodation for more than the specified number of spectators, the Secretary of State may by order designate that sports ground as a sports ground requiring a safety certificate under the Act.

This Order amends the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/661) (“the 2015 Order”) so as to designate Alexander Stadium under article 2(1) of the 2015 Order as a sports ground for which a safety certificate is required under the Act.

Alexander Stadium is occupied by Birmingham City Council and is a sports ground in England which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, has accommodation for more than 10,000 spectators.

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.

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