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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 425**

**SPORTS GROUNDS AND  
SPORTING EVENTS, ENGLAND**

**The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation)  
(Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Order 2023**

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| <i>Made</i>                   | - - - - | <i>12th April 2023</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> |         | <i>17th April 2023</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i>      | - -     | <i>8th May 2023</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<sup>(1)</sup>.

The Secretary of State is of the opinion that the condition in section 1(1) of that Act is satisfied<sup>(2)</sup> 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, commencement and extent**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Order 2023 and comes into force on 8th May 2023.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales.

**Amendments to the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015**

2.—(1) The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015<sup>(3)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 2 (sports grounds designated under article 2(2))—

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(1) 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).  
(2) 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.  
(3) S.I. 2015/661, amended by S.I. 2020/434; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

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- (a) in the first column of the entry for Brentford Community Stadium<sup>(4)</sup>, occupied by Brentford Football Club and London Irish Rugby Football Club, for “Brentford Community Stadium” substitute “Gtech Community Stadium”;
- (b) for the first column of the entry for White Hart Lane, occupied by Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, substitute “Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, 782 High Road, London, N17 0BX”.

12th April 2023

*Lucy Frazer*  
Secretary of State  
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

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(4) The entry for Brentford Community Stadium was inserted by [S.I. 2020/434](#).

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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) to reflect the changed name of Brentford Football Club’s home ground, and to designate Tottenham Hotspur Stadium as a sports ground for which a safety certificate is required under the Act (in substitution for the existing entry for White Hart Lane).

Tottenham Hotspur Stadium is occupied by Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, a member of the Football Association Premier League Limited, and is a sports ground in England at which association football matches are played and which, in the Secretary of State’s opinion, has accommodation for more than 5,000 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.