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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 1565**

**SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS**

**The Football (Offences) (Designation  
of Football Matches) Order 1991**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>9th July 1991</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>17th July 1991</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>10th August 1991</i>

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 1(1) of the Football (Offences) Act 1991(1), I hereby make the following Order:

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Football (Offences) (Designation of Football Matches) Order 1991 and shall come into force on 10th August 1991.

**2.** –

(1) Football matches of the description specified in paragraph (2) below are hereby designated for the purposes of the Football (Offences) Act 1991.

(2) The football matches to which paragraph (1) above applies are any association football match (played in England or Wales) being a match which–

(a) either forms part of a competition organised by or on behalf of the Union des Associations Europeennes de Football (U.E.F.A.) or involves a team which represents–

(i) a club which is, at the time the match is played, a member (whether a full or associate member) of the Football League, or

(ii) a country or territory, or

(iii) a club in a country or territory outside England and Wales, and

(b) is played at a sports ground which is, at the time the match is played, either designated by order under section 1(1) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975(2) or occupied by a club to which the description in sub-paragraph (a)(i) above applies.

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(1) 1991 c. 19.

(2) 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).

Home Office  
9th July 1991

*Kenneth Baker*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order designates association football matches for the purposes of the Football (Offences) Act 1991. That Act introduces penalties for certain types of misconduct at designated football matches.