

**2001 No. 2373**

**SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS**

**The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2001**

*Made - - - - - 2nd July 2001*

*Laid before Parliament 2nd July 2001*

*Coming into force - - 23rd July 2001*

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on her by sections 11(1) to (3) of the Football Spectators Act 1989(a), after consulting the Football Licensing Authority, hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2001 and shall come into force on 23rd July 2001.

**Direction**

2.—(1) The Secretary of State hereby directs the Football Licensing Authority as set out in paragraph (2) below.

(2) When granting any licence to admit spectators(b) to the premises specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 hereto and further identified in column (2) of that Schedule by the name of the football club of which it is the home ground, it shall include a condition imposing the requirements, as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches(c) at the said premises, specified in Schedule 2 hereto.

2nd July 2001

*Tessa Jowell*  
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

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(a) 1989 c. 37.

(b) A “licence to admit spectators” is defined in section 1(7) of the Football Spectators Act 1989.

(c) “Designated football match” is defined in section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989 and S.I. 2000/3331.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(2)

PREMISES IN RESPECT OF WHICH A CONDITION IMPOSING REQUIREMENTS AS RESPECTS THE SEATING OF SPECTATORS AT DESIGNATED FOOTBALL MATCHES SHALL BE IMPOSED

<i>Address</i>	<i>The Home Ground of</i>
Southampton Football Club Friends Provident St. Mary's Stadium Britannia Road Southampton SO14 5FP	Southampton Football Club
Stockport County Football Club Edgeley Park Hardcastle Road Stockport Cheshire SK3 9DD	Stockport County Football Club

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2(2)

REQUIREMENTS TO BE IMPOSED

1. Only seated accommodation shall be provided for spectators at a designated football match.
2. Spectators shall only be admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order directs the Football Licensing Authority to include in any licence to admit spectators to the football grounds specified in Schedule 1 a condition imposing requirements specified in Schedule 2 as respects the seating of spectators at designated football matches at those premises. "Designated football matches" are those association football matches designated by the Secretary of State, under the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989, in the Football Spectators (Designation of Football Matches in England and Wales) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/3331) and they include all association football matches played at the premises specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

The Football Licensing Authority is already required to include a condition imposing seating requirements in licences granted in respect of the premises listed in Schedule 1 to the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1666), the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/1706), the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1706), the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/1677), the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1599), the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/1926) and the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/1739).

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