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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 790**

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

**The Ticket Touting (Designation  
of Football Matches) Order 2007**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>12th March 2007</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>13th March 2007</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>6th April 2007</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 166(2)(c) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994(1):

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Ticket Touting (Designation of Football Matches) Order 2007 and shall come into force on 6th April 2007.

(2) In this Order—

“the 1994 Act” means the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994;

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

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

**Designation of football matches**

2.—(1) Any football match to which paragraph (2) or (3) applies is designated for the purposes of section 166 of the 1994 Act(2).

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(1) [1994 c.33](#). Section 166(2)(c) was substituted by section 10 of the Football (Offences and Disorder) Act [1999 \(c.21\)](#) and amended by paragraph 20 of Schedule 3 to the Football (Disorder) Act [2000 \(c.25\)](#). Section 166(2)(c) was also amended by section 53(3)(c) of the Violent Crime Reduction Act [2006 \(c.38\)](#) to be commenced on 6th April 2007 by the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/ ). The powers in section 166(2)(c) are extended by section 166(2A) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (as inserted by section 53(4) of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006).

(2) Section 166(1) was substituted by section 53(1) and (2) of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006. Section 166(2) was amended by sections 53(1), 53(3)(a)(i), 53(3)(a)(ii), 53(3)(b), 65 of and Schedule 5 to the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006. Section 166 (2A) and (2B) were inserted by section 53(1) and (4) of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006. Section 166(4) was repealed by section 174(2) and part 2 of Schedule 17 to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act [2005 \(c.15\)](#). Section 166(7) was amended by sections 53(1), 53(5), 65 and Schedule 5 to the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006.

(2) This paragraph applies to an association football match played in England and Wales 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.

(3) This paragraph applies to an association football match played outside England and Wales 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 sub-paragraph (a) 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 sub-paragraph (b) is eligible to participate or has participated.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order designates football matches for the purposes of section 166 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. It is to make it an offence under section 166(1) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 for an unauthorised person to sell a ticket for a designated football match or otherwise to dispose of such a ticket to another person.

Article 2 designates association football matches in England and Wales in which one or both participating teams represent a club which is a member of the Football League, Football Association Premier League, Football Conference or League of Wales, or represents a country or territory.

Article 3 designates association football matches outside England and Wales involving a national team of England or Wales, or a team representing a club which is a member of the Football League, Football Association Premier League, Football Conference or League of Wales, or matches in competitions or tournaments organised by or under the authority of FIFA or UEFA in which any of such English or Welsh domestic or national teams is eligible to participate or has participated.