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SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2016

Made - - - - 7th June 2016

Laid before Parliament 9th June 2016

Coming into force - - 1st July 2016

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Football Spectators Act 1989(a), makes the following Order.

He has consulted the Sports Grounds Safety Authority(**b**) in accordance with section 11(4) of that Act.

Title and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2016, and it comes into force on 1st July 2016.

Direction

2. The Secretary of State directs the Sports Grounds Safety Authority to include the conditions specified in Schedule 1 in any licence to admit spectators(c) to the premises specified in Schedule 2.

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Minister for Sport, Heritage and Tourism
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

7th June 2016

⁽a) 1989 c. 37; section 1(6A) defines "the licensing authority" as the Sports Grounds Safety Authority. Section 1(6A) was inserted by paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 2 to the Sports Grounds Safety Authority Act 2011 (c. 6).

⁽b) The Football Licensing Authority was established by section 8 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Football Spectators Act 1989 (c. 37) and renamed the Sports Grounds Safety Authority under section 1(1) of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority Act 2011.

⁽c) "Licence to admit spectators" is defined in section 1(7) of the Football Spectators Act 1989.

Conditions to be imposed

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

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2

Premises in respect of which the conditions in Schedule 1 must be imposed

(1) Address of the premises	(2) Football club of which the premises are the home ground
London Stadium	West Ham United Football Club
Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park	
Stratford	
London E20 2ST	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order directs the Sports Grounds Safety Authority to include an "all-seater" condition in any licence granted to admit spectators to the London Stadium at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the home ground of West Ham United Football Club. This condition requires that only seated accommodation be provided for spectators at designated football matches, and spectators only be admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation. Those requirements are specified in Schedule 1.

Designated football matches are matches designated by Order under section 1(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989. Under the Football Spectators (Designation of Football Matches in England and Wales) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/3331) these include any association football match played at the London Stadium.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this Order as a negligible impact on the private sector is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and is available alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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