



# Football Spectators Act 1989

## 1989 CHAPTER 37

### [<sup>F1</sup>PART II

#### REGULATED FOOTBALL MATCHES]

##### [<sup>F1</sup>Preliminary]

#### <sup>F1</sup>14 [ Main definitions.]

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) “Regulated football match” means an association football match (whether in England and Wales or elsewhere) which is a prescribed match or a match of a prescribed description.
- (3) “External tournament” means a football competition which includes regulated football matches outside England and Wales.
- (4) “Banning order” means an order made by the court under this Part which—
  - (a) in relation to regulated football matches in England and Wales, prohibits the person who is subject to the order from entering any premises for the purpose of attending such matches, and
  - (b) in relation to regulated football matches outside England and Wales, requires that person to report at a police station in accordance with this Part.
- (5) “Control period”, in relation to a regulated football match outside England and Wales, means the period—
  - (a) beginning five days before the day of the match, and
  - (b) ending when the match is finished or cancelled.
- (6) “Control period”, in relation to an external tournament, means any period described in an order made by the Secretary of State—
  - (a) beginning five days before the day of the first football match outside England and Wales which is included in the tournament, and

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(b) ending when the last football match outside England and Wales which is included in the tournament is finished or cancelled,

but, for the purposes of paragraph (a), any football match included in the qualifying or pre-qualifying stages of the tournament is to be left out of account.

(7) References to football matches are to football matches played or intended to be played.

(8) “Relevant offence” means an offence to which Schedule 1 to this Act applies.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Pt. II heading, cross-headings and ss. 14-14J substituted for cross-headings and ss. 14-17 (28.8.2000) by 2000 c. 25, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 2**; S.I. 2000/2125, **art. 2**

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** S. 14(6) modified (24.4.2006) by **The Football Spectators (2006 World Cup Control Period) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/988)**, arts. 1(1), **2**

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