

**2022 No. 977**

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

**The Football Spectators (2022 World Cup Control Period) Order  
2022**

*Made - - - -at 10.40 a.m. on 22nd September 2022*

*Laid before Parliament at 3.00 p.m. on 22nd September 2022*

*Coming into force - - - -14th October 2022*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(6) and 22A(2) of the Football Spectators Act 1989(a), makes this Order.

The Secretary of State considers that the provision made by article 2 of this Order is expedient in order to secure the effective enforcement of Part 2 of that Act.

**Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Football Spectators (2022 World Cup Control Period) Order 2022 and comes into force on 14th October 2022.

(2) In this Order—

“the 1989 Act” means the Football Spectators Act 1989;

“the Tournament” means the external tournament known as the 2022 FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup in Qatar(b).

(3) This Order extends to England and Wales.

**Beginning of control period**

2. Section 14(6) of the 1989 Act (main definitions: control period in relation to an external tournament) has effect in relation to the Tournament as if, for the reference to five days, there were substituted a reference to ten days.

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(a) 1989 c. 37. Section 14 was substituted by paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to the Football (Disorder) Act 2000 (c. 25) (“the 2000 Act”) and amended by section 103(1) and (2)(a) of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c. 26). There are other amendments not relevant to this Order. Section 22A was inserted by paragraphs 9 and 18 of Schedule 2 to the 2000 Act. There are amendments to section 22A that are not relevant to this Order.

(b) Fédération Internationale de Football Association is an organisation entered in the register of companies under the Swiss civil code with registered number CHE-107.301.064, and address FIFA-Strasse 20, 8044 Zürich, Switzerland.

## Control period

3.—(1) In relation to the Tournament, the period described in paragraph (2) is the control period for the purposes of Part 2 of the 1989 Act.

(2) The period is the period beginning on 10th November 2022, being ten days before the day of the first football match which is included in the Tournament, and ending when the last football match included in the Tournament is finished or cancelled (which, subject to scheduling amendment, is due to be on 18th December 2022).

*Jeremy Quin*  
Minister of State  
Home Office

At 10.40 a.m. on 22nd September 2022

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prescribes the control period under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (c. 37) (“the Act”) for the 2022 FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup in Qatar. The control period begins on 10th November 2022, which is ten days before the first match in the tournament, and ends when the last match in the tournament is finished or cancelled. The last match is due to be played on 18th December 2022.

During the control period, powers under sections 21A and 21B of the Act (summary powers to detain and refer to a court with a view to making a banning order) are exercisable. Individuals subject to a banning order may be required to surrender their passports during a control period under section 19 of the Act. In addition, bail conditions can be imposed on individuals requiring them to surrender their passports during a control period under section 14A (banning orders made on conviction of an offence) and section 14B (banning orders made on complaint) of the Act.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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