STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1556

SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS

The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*17th July 2015*
Laid before Parliament	*21st July 2015*
Coming into force - -	*1st October 2015*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and 18(2) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975(**a**) and section 14A of the Interpretation Act 1978(**b**).

The Secretary of State is of the opinion that the conditions in section 1(1) of the Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975 are satisfied(**c**).

In accordance with section 18(4) of that Act, he has consulted with such persons and bodies of persons as appear to him requisite.

Title and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2015, and it comes into force on 1st October 2015.

Amendments to the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015

2. The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015(**d**) is amended as follows.

3. After paragraph 3, insert—

"Review

4.—(1) The Secretary of State must—

(**a**) 1975 c. 52; section 1(1) was amended by Schedule 2 to the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 (c. 27). The functions of the Secretary of State were, so far as exercisable in relation to Scotland, transferred to Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(**b**) 1978 c. 30; section 14A of the Interpretation Act 1978 was inserted by section 59 of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 c. 24.

(**c**) By section 1(1) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, the Secretary of State may by order designate as a sports ground requiring a safety certificate under that Act any sports ground which, in his opinion, has accommodation for more than the specified number of spectators. By the Safety of Sports Grounds (Accommodation of Spectators) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/499), the specified number of spectators is 5,000 for sports grounds in England and Wales at which association football matches are played and which are occupied by a club that is a member of the Football League Limited or the Football Association Premier League Limited. The specified number of spectators for all other purposes is 10,000.

(**d**) S.I. 2015/661.

(a) carry out a review of this Order, and

(b) publish a report setting out the conclusions of the review.

(2) The report must, in particular—

(a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by this Order,

(b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved,

(c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate, and

(d) if so, assess the extent to which they could be achieved in another way which involves less onerous regulatory provision.

(3) The first report must be published by 30th September 2020.

(4) Subsequent reports must be published at intervals not exceeding 5 years."

4. In Schedule 1 (sports grounds designated under article 2(1)), after the entry for Twerton Park, occupied by Bath City Football Club, insert—

"The Recreation Ground, Spring Gardens, Bath, BA2 4DS	Bath Rugby Club"

5. In Schedule 2 (sports grounds designated under article 2(2)), after the entry for Villa Park, occupied by Aston Villa Football Club, insert—

"The Hive Stadium, Camrose Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 6AG	Barnet Football Club, London Bees and London Broncos"

Revocation

6. The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation No. 2) Order 2015(**a**) is revoked.

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Sport and Tourism
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

17th July 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/661) to provide for the designation of the Recreation Ground in Bath, and the Hive Stadium in Edgware, Middlesex, as sports grounds requiring a safety certificate under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975.

It revokes the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation No. 2) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1374) under which the Hive Stadium is currently designated.

The Recreation Ground in Bath, occupied by Bath Rugby Club, has accommodation for more than 10,000 spectators.

The Hive Stadium, occupied by Barnet Football Club, a member of the Football League Limited, is a sports ground in England at which association football matches are played and which has accommodation for more than 5,000 spectators.

This Order also inserts a new provision into the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015 requiring the Secretary of State to review that Order, and publish a report setting out his conclusions by 30th September 2020. Thereafter, further reviews must be carried out at least every 5 years.

(**a**) S.I. 2015/1374.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument.

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