

Regulator: Sports Grounds Safety Authority

Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 13th Dec 2021 – 12th Dec 2022

Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available
Measures certified as being below de minimis (measures with an EANDCB below +/- £5 million)	<p>Before the start of the 2022/23 season SGSA published a revised version of the all-seater enforcement approach document. Originally published ahead of the 2019/20 season, the document was updated in July 2022 to reflect the current season, most notably the wider roll out of licensed standing (see also policy development below).</p> <p>The SGSA considers the only additional costs to clubs arising directly from the revisions to the enforcement approach outlined above will be for key staff at each club (principally the CEO/Club Secretary and the Safety Officer) to familiarise themselves with the latest version. Based on the scale and scope of the document, and feedback received, the SGSA estimates that total familiarisation costs will be <£50,000.</p>
EU Regulations, Decisions and Directives and other international obligations, including the implementation of the EU Withdrawal Bill and EU Withdrawal Agreement	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Measures certified as concerning EU Withdrawal Bill operability measures	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Pro-competition	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Systemic Financial Risk	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Civil Emergencies	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Fines and Penalties	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Misuse of Drugs	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Measures certified as relating to the safety of tenants, residents and occupants in response to the Grenfell tragedy	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.



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Casework	<p>SGSA issued a total of 92 annual licences in July 2022 for the licensing period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, including six licences with specific licence conditions to allow those six grounds to operate licensed standing areas from the start of the 2022/23 season.</p> <p>SGSA issued a further one licence in August 2022 to Grimsby Town for the licensing period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 following that club's promotion to the English Football League (EFL).</p>
Education, communications and promotion	<p>Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.</p>
Activity related to policy development	<p>From January-June 2022, five SGSA licensed grounds, known as 'early adopters', were allowed to operate licensed standing areas on a trial basis following changes to their licence conditions introduced in w/c 6 December 2021 (see SGSA return for 20-21 reporting period).</p> <p>Following independent evaluation by CFE research of this 'early adopters' programme, SGSA made small amendments to the SGSA licensed standing criteria and the Supplementary Guidance 01: Safe Standing in Seated Areas (SG01). The amended criteria and SGO1 were both published on 4 July 2022. On the same day the Government announced a change of policy to allow licensed standing across all all-seated grounds from the 2022/23 season onwards, subject to those grounds meeting the SGSA's licensed standing criteria.</p> <p>In July-September 2022 SGSA consulted on proposed new SGSA policy guidance regarding the existing exemption in the Private Security Industry Act 2001 for in-house staff at sports grounds undertaking Security Industry Authority (SIA) licensable activities. Informed by comments received, this new policy guidance was finalised and published in November 2022.</p> <p>This policy guidance seeks to encourage common understanding of the genesis of this sports ground exemption from SIA regulation. It also seeks to ensure a consistent approach to the future application of the existing exemption by using SGSA's existing powers under the Football Spectators Act 1989 to direct certifying authorities to insert a model general safety certificate condition regarding the training and vetting of directly employed in-house stewards at those grounds. The direction has a grace period to June 2023 to allow time for certifying authorities to amend general safety certificates and for SGSA licensed grounds to come into compliance with the</p>



	existing exemption. SGSA wrote formally to relevant Local Authorities on 9 December 2022 about the direction in the new policy guidance and the associated grace period, and in parallel informed SGSA licensed grounds in writing.
Changes to management of regulator	The terms of office for three Board members that were due to expire in February 2022 have been extended for a further year to February 2023.

* For full, legal definitions of these exclusion categories, please see <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-06-20/HCWS776/>