

Regulated Stands - Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sports Act - (Part III)

A Local Authority must, in the first instance, investigate all sports grounds in its area to determine if any have covered stands which will accommodate 500 or more spectators (see Home Office Guidance HOC97/1988).

The Local Authority must then issue a Preliminary Determination to the owner of any such stand.

After two months from the issue of the Preliminary Determination, the Determination will become final.

It is then illegal for the stand to be used unless an application for a General Safety Certificate or Special Safety Certificate has been made.

Where a covered stand which will accommodate 500 or more spectators is erected, it is necessary for a General Safety Certificate to be applied for before it can be used.

The process for the issue and the monitoring of the effectiveness of a Certificate for a Regulated Stand is similar to that for a Designated Ground, but related to the stand and the escape routes from the stand only.