

# Football Governance Bill [HL]

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## SEVENTH MARSHALLED

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#### TO BE MOVED

#### IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

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**Amendment  
No.**

**Clause 60**

LORD BIRT

**295A** Clause 60, page 49, line 21, after “given” insert “and to the extent that the question or questions for resolution relate to financial distributions, that mediator must be appointed in accordance with the requirements in section (*Appointment of mediator*) to section (*Guidance and review*)”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**296** Clause 60, page 49, line 26, leave out “special” and insert “compelling”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

297 Clause 60, page 50, line 5, leave out “either” and insert “any”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 60 stand part of the Bill.*

**After Clause 60**

LORD BIRT

297A After Clause 60, insert the following new Clause –

**“Appointment of mediator**

- (1) Where any question for resolution relates to financial distributions between specified competition organisers, the IFR must appoint as a mediator a person who –
  - (a) holds, or has held, high judicial office within the meaning of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005,
  - (b) has significant experience in sports law or competition law at a senior level, and
  - (c) has not, within the five years preceding appointment –
    - (i) held any position with a regulated club or competition organiser;
    - (ii) had any material financial interest in a regulated club or competition organiser;
    - (iii) acted in any professional capacity that might reasonably be considered to affect their independence in relation to matters under this Part.
- (2) Before appointing an mediator to which this section applies, the IFR must consult with specified competition organisers.”

LORD BIRT

297B After Clause 60, insert the following new Clause –

**“Resolution process and initial procedures**

- (1) This section applies where mediation under section 60 comes to an end by virtue of the occurrence of an event within section 60(6)(b), (c) or (d).

- (2) As soon as reasonably practicable after the occurrence of an event under subsection (1), the IFR must appoint an arbitrator and refer the matter to arbitration.
- (3) A person appointed as an arbitrator under subsection (2) must be a person who the IFR considers to have appropriate skills and experience and, if the dispute relates to financial distributions between specified competition organisers, must be a person who meets the requirements of section (*Appointment of mediator*)(1).
- (3) Upon the referral under subsection (2), the arbitrator must –
  - (a) within 14 days, notify all specified competition organisers –
    - (i) that a referral has been made by the IFR,
    - (ii) of the grounds for referral,
    - (iii) of the timetable for proceedings,
    - (iv) of their rights to make representations, and
  - (b) establish a resolution period of 90 days beginning with the date of notification.
- (3) During the resolution period, each specified competition organiser must –
  - (a) submit initial proposals for financial distribution arrangements including detailed financial projections, implementation mechanisms, supporting evidence and impact assessments;
  - (b) engage constructively in resolution discussions;
  - (c) provide such information as the arbitrator reasonably requires;
  - (d) maintain confidentiality of commercially sensitive information.
- (4) The arbitrator must, during the resolution period –
  - (a) facilitate structured discussions between parties;
  - (b) evaluate submitted proposals against the principles in section (*Principles of determination*);
  - (c) identify areas of potential compromise;
  - (d) provide non-binding recommendations for resolution;
  - (e) maintain detailed records of all submissions received, discussions held, positions taken by parties and, attempts at compromise.
- (5) The arbitrator may –
  - (a) extend the resolution period once by up to 30 days where all parties agree or substantial progress toward agreement is being made;
  - (b) require parties to attend meetings;
  - (c) appoint independent experts to provide analysis;
  - (d) establish working groups on specific issues.”

## LORD BIRT

**297C** After Clause 60, insert the following new Clause –

**“Determination process**

- (1) Where no agreement is reached during the resolution period, the arbitrator must commence determination proceedings by –
  - (a) notifying all parties within seven days that determination will proceed;
  - (b) establishing a 60-day determination period;
  - (c) requiring final submissions from all parties within 21 days including detailed financial proposals, supporting evidence and analysis for their respective positions, implementation plans and an assessment of the impact of that party’s proposal.
- (2) During the determination period, the arbitrator must –
  - (a) evaluate all submissions against the principles in section (*Principles of determination*);
  - (b) consider –
    - (i) the evidence presented by the parties;
    - (ii) any expert analysis;
    - (iii) any systemic implications;
    - (iv) the practicality of implementing the parties’ proposals;
  - (c) maintain detailed records of all evaluation processes;
  - (d) protect commercially sensitive information.
- (3) The Arbitrator must within the determination period –
  - (a) reach a determination that –
    - (i) meets all principles in section (*Principles of determination*);
    - (ii) is practically implementable;
    - (iii) includes clear transitional provisions;
  - (b) prepare a detailed determination report including –
    - (i) analysis of all submissions;
    - (ii) reasoning for decisions made;
    - (iii) assessment against principles;
    - (iv) implementation requirements;
  - (c) notify all parties of the determination.”

## LORD BIRT

**297D** After Clause 60, insert the following new Clause –

**“Principles of determination**

Any determination under section (*Determination process*)(3) must –

- (a) be necessary to advance the IFR's objectives in section 6, consistent with its general duties and regulatory principles in sections 7 and 8;

- (b) represent the least intrusive measures necessary to advance those objectives, and in particular to ensure the financial sustainability of prudently-run clubs;
- (c) respect the following fundamental rights and interests –
  - (i) the contractual and property rights of regulated clubs and competition organisers;
  - (ii) the legitimate commercial interests of regulated clubs and competition organisers;
- (d) have regard to whether the parties have acted in good faith in connection with the resolution process under this Part;
- (e) not result in any prudently-run regulated club being at risk of breaching its obligations under the rules of the relevant specified competition organiser or other applicable financial rules;
- (f) maintain the competitiveness of English football;
- (g) preserve the appeal of competition for domestic and global audiences;
- (h) enable sustainable long-term investment in facilities, development and communities;
- (i) enable appropriate investment in competitive football;
- (j) maintain the system-wide financial stability of English football.”

LORD BIRT

**297E** After Clause 60, insert the following new Clause –

**“Implementation**

- (1) The determination under section (*determination process*) may specify –
  - (a) detailed implementation timing,
  - (b) transitional arrangements,
  - (c) compliance requirements, and
  - (d) any other conditions deemed necessary.
- (2) No determination may –
  - (a) take effect during a football season;
  - (b) require implementation in less than six months;
  - (c) create material risk to system stability;
  - (d) compromise existing regulatory compliance.”

LORD BIRT

**297F** After Clause 60, insert the following new Clause –

**“Appeals regime**

- (1) Any party may appeal a determination to the Competition Appeal Tribunal within 28 days on grounds of –
  - (a) error of law;

- (b) material error of fact;
  - (c) procedural unfairness;
  - (d) irrationality.
- (2) Appeals must specify the grounds in detail, provide supporting evidence, propose alternative solutions and address implementation implications.
- (3) The Competition Appeal Tribunal may –
- (a) dismiss the appeal,
  - (b) vary the determination,
  - (c) remit for reconsideration, and
  - (d) make consequential orders.”

LORD BIRT

**297G** After Clause 60, insert the following new Clause –

**“Guidance and review**

- (1) Before the first appointment of any arbitrator under section (*Appointment of mediator*) the IFR must publish guidance on –
- (a) arbitration procedures;
  - (b) determination criteria including evidence standards and assessment, impact evaluation and implementation requirements;
  - (c) implementation processes.
- (2) Before publishing guidance, the IFR must consult specified competition organisers.
- (3) The IFR must keep under review and if necessary update guidance published under this Part.”

**Clause 61**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

**298** Clause 61, page 50, line 14, leave out “the two” and insert “all relevant”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**299** Clause 61, page 50, line 19, leave out “each of the two” and insert “all relevant”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD BIRT

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 61 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 62**

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

300 Clause 62, page 51, line 5, leave out “both”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

301 Clause 62, page 51, line 7, leave out “both final proposals are” and insert “more than one final proposal is”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

302 Clause 62, page 51, line 8, leave out “must” and insert “may”

BARONESS BRADY

303 Clause 62, page 51, line 9, leave out from “with” to end of line 11 and insert “the proposal made by the specified competition organiser whose relevant revenue would be distributed under the proposal unless there are compelling reasons not to do so;”

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

304 Clause 62, page 51, line 11, at end insert, “or

- (ii) which contains elements of each proposal where it considers that this will result in an order which is most consistent with the principles in subsection (2).”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

305 Clause 62, page 51, line 13, leave out “the other is” and insert “all others are”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

306 Clause 62, page 51, line 16, leave out “neither” and insert “no”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS BRADY  
LORD BIRT

307 Clause 62, page 51, line 21, leave out “should advance the IFR’s objectives” and insert “be necessary to advance the IFR’s objectives, consistent with the duties and regulatory principles as specified in sections 7, 8 and 9, and in particular those set out in section 7(2)”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

308 Clause 62, page 51, line 23, leave out “either specified competition organiser” and insert “any regulated club”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

309 Clause 62, page 51, line 28, at end insert –

- “(d) should seek to close the financial gaps between divisions,
- (e) should provide adequate compensation for player development, ring-fenced for academy development and the welfare of former players,
- (f) should incentivise clubs to be well run,
- (g) should provide training for volunteers at grassroots clubs, and
- (h) should address to the satisfaction of the IFR any issues identified by the relevant state of the game report.”



***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment ensures that any distribution deal must pass parameters set by the regulator, and that these parameters could include closing the growing financial gap between divisions, rewarding well-run clubs and providing adequate compensation for the development of players.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**310** Clause 62, page 51, line 28, at end insert –

“(2A) When making a determination under this section, the committee of the Expert Panel must have regard for section 7(2).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires the committee of the Expert Panel to consider the impact on competitiveness and sporting outcomes in its decision on which final proposal to accept.*

BARONESS BRADY

**311** Clause 62, page 51, line 35, leave out “one year” and insert “three years”

BARONESS BRADY

**312** Clause 62, page 51, line 35, leave out “final” and insert “first”

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

**313** Clause 62, page 52, line 6, leave out “either” and insert “any”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**314** Clause 62, page 52, line 14, leave out “special” and insert “compelling”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment requires there to be compelling (rather than special) reasons for extending the deadline for making a distribution order.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

315 Clause 62, page 52, line 23, at end insert –

“(8A) Where subsection (1)(c), (4)(b), or (5) applies, the committee must make an order requiring the relevant revenue to be distributed in accordance with a proposal of its own that is consistent with the principles in subsection (2) on or before the last day of the period of 28 days beginning with the final proposal deadline.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment gives the committee the power to make a distribution in accordance with its own proposal, rather than having to adopt one of the proposals presented to it.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD BIRT

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 62 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 63**

BARONESS BRADY

316 Clause 63, page 53, line 2, at end insert “but no sooner than the beginning of the first football season following the football season in which a distribution order is made, and provided that the distribution order coming into force does not adversely affect any club’s ability to adhere to –

- (a) mandatory licence conditions,
- (b) threshold requirements, and
- (c) obligations under rules of the relevant specified competition organiser or other applicable financial rules.”

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

317 Clause 63, page 53, line 8, leave out “two”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This is one of a series of amendments which provide for there to be more than two relevant specified competition organisers.*

BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON  
LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

- 318** Clause 63, page 53, line 11, after “relates” insert “provided that the distribution agreement complies with section 62(1)(a) or (b) or section 62(4)(a), and the principles set out in section 62(2)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment narrows the circumstances in which the IFR must revoke a distribution order where the competition organisers have agreed a distribution agreement to circumstances where that distribution order complies with section 62(1)(a) or (b) or section 62(4)(a), and the principles set out in section 62(2).*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 63 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 64**

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

- 319** Clause 64, page 53, line 28, leave out subsection (3)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment deletes the provision which permitted the competition organisers to agree how to distribute revenue, regardless of the IFR's powers of oversight/review.*

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

- 320** Clause 64, page 53, line 34, leave out “62(7)(b)” and insert “62(8)(b)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment corrects an erroneous cross-reference.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 64 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 76**

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

321 Clause 76, page 61, line 23, leave out “14 days” and insert “one month”

**Clause 84**

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

322 Clause 84, page 68, line 15, at end insert –  
“(ea) any decision made under sections 62 and 63;”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

323 Clause 84, page 68, line 15, at end insert –  
“(ea) the making of a distribution order requiring one competition organiser to distribute revenue to another competition organiser under section 62;”

**Clause 85**

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

324 Clause 85, page 69, line 2, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

325 Clause 85, page 69, line 2, at end insert –  
“(za) a decision under section 62 or 63,”

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

326 Clause 85, page 69, line 8, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

**After Clause 85**

LORD MAUDE OF HORSHAM  
LORD JACKSON OF PETERBOROUGH  
LORD HAYWARD

**327** After Clause 85, insert the following new Clause –

**“Review: cost of compliance**

Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a review of the financial impact on regulated clubs of complying with the provisions in this Act.”

LORD RANGER OF NORTHWOOD  
LORD HAYWARD

**328** After Clause 85, insert the following new Clause –

**“Report: operation of the Premier League**

Within six months of the establishment of the IFR, the Secretary of State must publish a report on the effect of this Act on the operation of the Premier League and lay it before Parliament.”

**Clause 91**

LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY  
LORD MARKHAM

**329** Clause 91, page 73, line 39, at end insert –

“(ia) section 2(3A);”

BARONESS TWYXCROSS

**330** Clause 91, page 74, line 1, leave out “56(2)(a)(ii)” and insert “56(2)(b)”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment corrects an erroneous cross-reference.*

**Clause 92**

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON  
BARONESS TAYLOR OF BOLTON

**331** Clause 92, page 74, line 24, at end insert “or give rise to the perception that the person’s functions have been prejudicially affected, including (but not limited to) a situation in which a person is –

- (a) employed by or engaged as a consultant by any specified competition organiser or any group undertaking of a specified competition organiser,
- (b) connected in any capacity with an organisation which has, in the last year, received at least half of its income from a specified competition organiser,
- (c) connected with a group undertaking of an organisation within the scope of paragraph (b),
- (d) connected in any capacity with an organisation which has, in the last year, received at least half of its income from any of the organisations listed in paragraphs (b) or (c), or
- (e) connected (as defined in section 252 of the Companies Act 2006) with an individual within the scope of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this definition;”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment expands the nature of a conflict of interest to include an interest which could give rise to the perception that a person’s functions have been prejudicially affected. The amendment also inserts some non-exhaustive examples of a conflict of interest.*

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

**332** Clause 92, page 75, line 15, leave out paragraph (a)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment removes the ability of the Secretary of State to amend the definition of a football season.*

**Schedule 12**

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

**333** Schedule 12, page 124, line 22, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

**334** Schedule 12, page 124, line 24, after “section” insert “62, 63 or”

BARONESS BRADY  
BARONESS EVANS OF BOWES PARK

335 Schedule 12, page 125, line 3, at end insert –

“(c) a decision under section 62 or 63 of the 2024 Act.”

**Clause 99**

LORD MARKHAM

336 Clause 99, page 77, line 33, after “to” insert “subsections (1A), (1B) and”

LORD MARKHAM

337 Clause 99, page 77, line 34, at end insert –

“(1A) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

(1B) The other sections of this Act do not come into force until the Secretary of State has consulted UEFA on the provisions and impacts of this Act, and has confirmed to Parliament that he or she has done so.”

LORD MARKHAM

338 Clause 99, page 77, line 35, leave out “This section and” and insert “Subject to subsection (1B),”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

339 Clause 99, page 78, line 1, at end insert –

“(ba) section 16(2);”

LORD MARKHAM  
LORD PARKINSON OF WHITLEY BAY

340 Clause 99, page 78, line 13, at end insert –

“(2A) The Secretary of State may only make regulations for Part 3 to come into effect at the end of a relevant football season.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment ensures the operating licensing regime does not come into effect during a football season.*

**After Clause 99**

LORD GOODMAN OF WYCOMBE  
LORD HAYWARD

341 After Clause 99, insert the following new Clause –

**“Duration and review**

- (1) This Act expires at the end of the period of five years beginning with the day on which section 5 comes into force (“the initial period”), subject to the provisions of this section and section (*Renewal and dissolution provisions*).
- (2) The Secretary of State must establish an independent review panel (“the Panel”) no later than 15 months before the end of the initial period.
- (3) The Panel must –
  - (a) carry out a review of –
    - (i) the effectiveness of this Act,
    - (ii) whether the IFR has remained within its statutory purposes, and
    - (iii) whether the objectives of the Act could be achieved through less interventionist means,
  - (b) prepare a report of the review, and
  - (c) lay a copy of the report before Parliament, no later than 12 months before the end of the initial period.
- (4) The Panel must consist of –
  - (a) at least one person with expertise in competition law,
  - (b) at least one person with expertise in regulatory policy,
  - (c) at least one person with expertise in football administration, and
  - (d) at least one person with expertise in business regulation.
- (5) Where there is a change in the person holding the office of Secretary of State after the establishment of the Panel but before the report is laid before Parliament –
  - (a) the new Secretary of State may by written notice dissolve the existing Panel,
  - (b) where the Panel is dissolved under paragraph (a), the new Secretary of State must –
    - (i) establish a new Panel within 28 days,
    - (ii) ensure the new Panel meets the requirements of subsection (4), and
    - (iii) extend the period for the laying of the report by up to three months if necessary to allow the new Panel to complete its work,
  - (c) the new Panel may –
    - (i) consider any work undertaken by the previous Panel,
    - (ii) adopt any findings of the previous Panel that it considers appropriate, or
    - (iii) conduct an entirely new review.



- (6) The new Secretary of State may only exercise the power under subsection (5) once in relation to the review required by subsection (3).
- (7) The report under subsection (3) must include—
- (a) an assessment of whether the IFR has—
    - (i) achieved its objectives under section 6,
    - (ii) remained within the scope of its original purposes as set out in section 1,
    - (iii) avoided expanding its regulatory reach beyond its core functions,
    - (iv) maintained proportionate intervention in the football industry,
  - (b) an assessment of—
    - (i) the regulatory burden imposed by the Act,
    - (ii) the costs of compliance for regulated entities,
    - (iii) whether the objectives could be achieved through less intrusive means,
  - (c) an analysis of any instance where the IFR has—
    - (i) exceeded its statutory powers,
    - (ii) created additional regulatory requirements beyond those explicitly authorised by the Act,
    - (iii) expanded its interpretation of its objectives beyond their original scope,
  - (d) a specific assessment of whether market conditions still justify statutory regulation, and
  - (e) a recommendation as to whether the Act should be—
    - (i) allowed to expire,
    - (ii) renewed for a further period with specific restrictions, or
    - (iii) renewed without modification.”

LORD GOODMAN OF WYCOMBE  
LORD HAYWARD

342 After Clause 99, insert the following new Clause—

**“Renewal and dissolution provisions**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument provide that this Act continues in force beyond the initial period only if—
- (a) the report of the Panel under section (*Duration and review*) demonstrates that—
    - (i) the IFR has not materially exceeded its original statutory purposes,
    - (ii) statutory regulation remains necessary and proportionate,
    - (iii) the objectives cannot be achieved through less interventionist means, and
  - (b) the Secretary of State is satisfied that appropriate safeguards are in place to prevent future expansion of the IFR’s powers beyond those necessary for its core functions.

- (2) Any extension of the Act's provisions under subsection (1) –
  - (a) may not exceed a period of five years,
  - (b) must include specific limitations on the IFR's ability to expand its regulatory scope, and
  - (c) must require annual reporting to Parliament on measures taken to prevent unnecessary expansion of powers.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) may not be made unless –
  - (a) a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, and
  - (b) the Secretary of State has published a response to each recommendation made by the Panel.
- (4) Where the Secretary of State, instead of extending the Act's provisions under subsection (1), initiates a dissolution process –
  - (a) the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a statement of intent to dissolve the IFR;
  - (b) the statement must include –
    - (i) reasons for the proposed dissolution;
    - (ii) an outline of proposed alternative arrangements for football regulation;
    - (iii) a timeline for dissolution not exceeding 12 months;
  - (c) a motion on the statement must be moved in both Houses of Parliament;
  - (d) if both Houses approve the statement by resolution, the Secretary of State must establish a dissolution committee within 28 days.
- (5) The dissolution committee must –
  - (a) consist of persons independent from the IFR,
  - (b) complete the wind-down within the specified timeline, and
  - (c) report quarterly to Parliament on the progress of dissolution.
- (6) During any dissolution process –
  - (a) the IFR must not –
    - (i) commence any new regulatory initiatives,
    - (ii) impose any new financial penalties exceeding £10,000, or
    - (iii) make any material changes to existing licenses,
  - (b) any ongoing enforcement actions must be reviewed by the dissolution committee to determine whether they should continue, and
  - (c) the dissolution committee may suspend any IFR action it considers non-essential to the immediate stability of football.
- (7) This section does not affect –
  - (a) any liability incurred before the Act expires,
  - (b) the previous operation of the Act, or
  - (c) the continuation of any legal proceedings or enforcement action which began before the Act expires.

- (8) The Secretary of State must by regulations make such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in connection with the expiry of any provision of this Act.”

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