Live and recorded music

What is recorded music?

Recorded music activities amount mainly to discos and DJ events – where the audience is there primarily to be entertained by the music activity.

Why is live music allowed in workplaces but not recorded music?

As recorded music events are easily portable, they have, in the past, been more prone to noise and public order problems.

Will this allow raves?

No. Recorded music activities (usually disco and DJ events) will only be deregulated in the following places (between 08.00 and 23.00):

- In premises with an alcohol licence (unless this has been precluded by a licence condition).
- In events organised by local authorities, schools, nurseries or hospitals or in ‘community premises’

What if a recorded music event is noisy?

Other legislation is already in place which gives powers to us and the police to deal with issues, arising from a problem event.

What is the definition of a workplace in relation to regulated entertainment?

The term is defined in the workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 and is, broadly speaking, any non-domestic place where someone works.