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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1974

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1972**(a)** and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1975.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(b)** shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act these Regulations were an Act of Parliament and the Regulations revoked by Regulation 2 of these Regulations were an Act of Parliament thereby repealed.

2. The Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1968**(c)** are hereby revoked.

3. The types of helmet specified in Regulation 4 are hereby recommended as affording protection to persons on or in motor cycles from injury in case of accident.

4. The types of helmet specified for the purposes of Regulation 3 are:—

(*a*) in the case of helmets manufactured before 1st January 1975, those which, as respects their shape, construction and other qualities conform with any of the British Standards listed in the Schedule to these Regulations, subject to such (if any) of the amendments to that Standard mentioned in the said Schedule as had effect at the time of their manufacture, and which are marked with the number of the British Standard with which they conform and the certification mark of the British Standards Institution (whether or not they are required to be so marked by the British Standard in question);

(a) 1972 c. 20. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1968/844 (1968 II, p. 2258).

(*b*) in the case of helmets manufactured on or after 1st January 1975 but before 1st March 1975, those which, as respects their shape, construction and other qualities, conform as mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) above and which are legibly marked as mentioned in that sub-paragraph;

(*c*) in the case of helmets manufactured on or after 1st March 1975, those which, as respects their shape, construction and other qualities, conform with any one of the British Standards listed in items 2, 3, and 4 in the Schedule to these Regulations, subject to the amendments to that Standard mentioned in that Schedule, and which are legibly marked as mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) above.

5. Nothing in Regulation 4 shall be taken to authorise any person to apply the said number or mark in contravention of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968**(a)**.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.
27th November 1974.

Fred Mulley,
Minister for Transport,
Department of the Environment.

THE SCHEDULE

LIST OF BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROTECTIVE HELMETS

1. British Standard 2001: 1956 as amended by Amendment No. 1, published 11th January 1957, Amendment No. 2, published 23rd November 1959, Amendment No. 3, published 27th February 1962, Amendment No. 4, published 11th June 1964, Amendment No. 5, published 13th March 1968 and Amendment No. 6, published 18th February 1972.

2. British Standard 1869: 1960 as amended by Amendment No. 1, published 29th May 1963, Amendment No. 4, published 3rd December 1965, Amendment No. 5, published 13th March 1968, Amendment No. 6, published 10th August 1971, Amendment No. 7, published 3rd January 1972, Amendment No. 8, published 15th May 1973, Amendment No. 9, published 1st February 1974 and Amendment No. 10, published 2nd September 1974.

3. British Standard 2495: 1960 as amended by Amendment No. 1, published 29th May 1963, Amendment No. 2, published 22nd February 1965, Amendment No. 3, published 7th December 1965, Amendment No. 4, published 22nd July 1966, Amendment No. 5, published 10th August 1971, Amendment No. 6, published 3rd January 1972 and Amendment No. 7, published 1st February 1974.

4. British Standard 2001: 1972 as amended by Amendment No. 1, published 12th December 1972, Amendment No. 2, published 26th January 1973, Amendment No. 3, published 1st February 1974 and Amendment No 4, published 2nd September 1974.

(a) 1968 c. 29.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations revoke and replace, with amendments, the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1968. The amendments extend the specifications of the types of helmet which are recommended as affording protection for motor cyclists in the event of accident and hence which, in accordance with section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, may be sold or hired as a helmet affording such protection, to take account of alterations in the relevant British Standard specifications and provide for helmets to be suitably marked.

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