

1986 No. 238

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

**Motor Cycles (Protective Headgear) (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1986**

Made 22nd July 1986

Coming into operation 1st September 1986

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 129(1) and (3) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Cycles (Protective Headgear) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1986.

Regulations amended

2. The Motor Cycles (Protective Headgear) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(b) shall be amended as follows:

(1) For regulation 5(1) (Recommended protective headgear) there shall be substituted—

“(1) The types of headgear recommended as affording protection to persons on or in motor cycles from injury in the event of an accident are helmets, which as regards their shape, construction and other qualities conform—

- (a) until 1st September 1986, with any one of the British Standards mentioned in items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in the Schedule;
- (b) from 1st September 1986 until 1st April 1989, with any one of the British Standards mentioned in items 9, 10 and 11 in the Schedule;
- (c) on and after 1st April 1989, with the British Standard mentioned in item 11 in the Schedule;

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 point).”

(2) In the Schedule, after item 10, there shall be added—

“11. British Standard 6658: 1985 as amended by the following Amendment Slip:—

| <i>Number</i> | <i>Date of Publication</i> |
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| 1 | 28th February 1986.” |

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 22nd July 1986.

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Cycles (Protective Headgear) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 (the regulations of 1981) following the introduction of a new British Standard, BS 6658: 1985, in respect of protective helmets. Helmets conforming with the new standard are added to the helmets which are prescribed as recommended as affording protection to persons on or in motor cycles from injury in the event of an accident.

Helmets complying with the British Standards listed in items 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Schedule cease to be so prescribed on 1st September 1986, and those complying with the British Standards listed in items 9 and 10 will cease to be so prescribed on 1st April 1989.

In addition, since the new standard is added to the list of standards in the Schedule, a helmet marked by its manufacturer as complying with it will satisfy the requirement to wear "protective headgear" in the circumstances specified in regulation 4 of the regulations of 1981.

The new British Standard is available by post from the British Standards Institute, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes, MK14 6LE or from any of the sales outlets operated by the British Standards Institute.