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**The Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) (Amendment)
Regulations 1981**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	11th March 1981
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st April 1981

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 32 and 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (a) and now vested in him (b), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of the said Act of 1972, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st April 1981 and may be cited as the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) (Amendment) Regulations 1981.

2. The Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1980(c) are amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. In Regulation 5, in paragraph (1)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a)(i), for sub-paragraph (e) substitute the following sub-paragraphs:—

“(e) in the case of a helmet manufactured on or after 1st October 1980 but before 1st April 1981 with one of the British Standards mentioned in items 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Schedule 2,

(f) in the case of a helmet manufactured on or after 1st April 1981 with one of the British Standards mentioned in items 9 and 10 in Schedule 2, and”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (b)(i), for the words “items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Schedule 2” substitute the words “items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Schedule 2”.

(a) 1972 c. 20; section 32 has been amended by the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Act 1976 (c. 62).

(b) S.I. 1979/571, 1981/238.

(c) S.I. 1980/1279.

4. In Schedule 2, after item 8, add the following new items:—

“9. British Standard 5361: 1976 as amended by the following Amendment Slips:—

<i>Number</i>		<i>Date of Publication</i>
1	30th September 1977.
2	31st August 1978.
3	31st August 1979.
4	29th February 1980.
5	27th February 1981.

10. British Standard 2495: 1977 as amended by the following Amendment Slips:—

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11th March 1981.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1980 in consequence of a further amendment to British Standards 5361: 1976 and 2495: 1977. As a result of those amendments to the British Standards, these Regulations add 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 which as respects their shape, construction and other qualities conform with one of those British Standards as so amended.

As a result of these Regulations a helmet manufactured on or after 1st October 1980 and which complies with one of the standards mentioned in items 7 and 8 in Schedule 2 subject to the amendments specified in those items will be recommended as affording such protection only if it is manufactured before 1st April 1981.

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