

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Motor Cycles (Eye Protectors) Regulations 1985**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>18th October 1985</i>
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st July 1987</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 33AA of the Road Traffic Act 1972 <sup>(a)</sup> and now vested in him <sup>(b)</sup>, 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 may be cited as the Motor Cycles (Eye Protectors) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1987.

2. In these Regulations:—

“motor bicycle” means a two wheeled motor cycle, whether having a side-car attached thereto or not, and for the purposes of this definition any wheels of a motor cycle shall, if the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between such wheels and the road surface is less than 460 millimetres, be counted as one wheel;

“eye protector” means an appliance designed or adapted for use with any headgear or by being attached to or placed upon the head by a person driving or riding on a motor bicycle and intended for the protection of the eyes.

3. The types of eye protector hereby prescribed as authorised for use by persons driving or riding (otherwise than in a side-car) on a motor bicycle are those which conform with the requirements relating to grades XA, YA and ZA in British Standard BS 4110:1979 as amended by Amendment No. 1 (AMD 3368), by Amendment No. 2 (AMD 4060) and by Amendment No. 3 (AMD 4630), and which are marked with the number and grade of the said British Standard and the certification mark of the British Standards Institution (whether or not they are required to be so marked by the said British Standard).

4. Nothing in Regulation 3 above shall apply to any person driving or riding on a motor bicycle if:

- (a) it is a mowing machine;
- (b) it is for the time being propelled by a person on foot; or
- (c) it is a vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident outside the United Kingdom which has not remained in the United Kingdom for a period of more than one year from the date it was last brought into the United Kingdom.

(a) 1972 c.20, as amended by s.57 of the Transport Act 1982 (c.49).

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

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Secretary of State for Transport.

18th October 1985.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 33AA of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (inserted by section 57 of the Transport Act 1982), the Secretary of State for Transport, by these Regulations, prescribes certain types of eye protectors as authorised for use by persons driving or riding on motor bicycles. The types of eye protector are so prescribed by reference to conformity with certain grades of British Standard 4110:1979. These requirements do not extend to persons driving or riding on mowing machines, motor bicycles which are being propelled by a person on foot, or which are visiting vehicles.

The British Standard and Amendments may be obtained from the British Standards Institution at Linford Wood, Milton Keynes MK14 6LE (Telephone number: Milton Keynes (STD 0908) 320060).

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