

## 1986 No. 472

## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) (Amendment)  
Regulations 1986**

<i>Made</i> - - - - -	11th March 1986
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	20th March 1986
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	11th April 1986

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 32(1) and (2) and 33(1) 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 that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) (Amendment) Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 11th April 1986.
2. The Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1980(c) are further amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.
3. In regulation 5, for paragraph (1) substitute the following:
 

“(1) The types of helmet hereby prescribed as types of helmet 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 Schedule 2;
  - (b) on and after 1st September 1986 until 1st April 1989, with any one of the British Standards mentioned in items 9, 10 and 11 in Schedule 2;
  - (c) on and after 1st April 1989, with the British Standard mentioned in item 11 in Schedule 2;

and which in the case of any helmet is marked with the number of the British Standard with which it conforms and the certification mark of the British Standards Institution (whether or not it is required to be so marked by the British Standard in point).”.

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(a) 1972 c. 20.

(c) S.I. 1980/1279, amended by S.I. 1981/374.

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

4. In Schedule 2, after item 10, add the following new item:

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

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28th February 1986.”.

*Nicholas Ridley,*  
Secretary of State for Transport.

11th March 1986.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1980 (“the principal Regulations”) 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 Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations cease to be so prescribed on 1 September 1986, and those complying with 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 Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations, a helmet marked by its manufacturer as complying with it will satisfy one of the conditions for “protective headgear”, which persons driving or riding motor cycle are required to wear in the circumstances specified in regulation 4 of the principal Regulations.

The new British Standard is available from the British Standard Institution, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes MK14 6LE.

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