
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 535

The Motor Cycles (Eye Protectors) Regulations 1999

Prescribed types of authorised eye protector

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (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—

(a) those which conform—

- (i) to the requirements relating to Grade X in British Standard BS 4110:1979 and are marked with that Grade and the number of that standard,
- (ii) to the requirements relating to Grades XA, YA or ZA in British Standard BS 4110:1979 as amended by Amendment No. 1 (AMD 3368), Amendment No. 2 (AMD 4060) and Amendment No. 3 (AMD 4630) and are marked with the number of that standard and the Grade to which they conform, or
- (iii) to any other standard accepted by an EEA State, which offers in use levels of safety, suitability and fitness for purpose equivalent to those offered by the standards referred to in paragraph (i) or (ii) above, and are marked with a mark to indicate that standard,

and in each case are marked with an approved certification mark of an approved body (whether or not they are required to be so marked by the standard in point);

(b) those which comply with the requirements of Council Directive [89/686/EEC](#)(1) of the 21st December 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment as amended by Council Directives [93/68/EEC](#)(2) of 22nd July 1993, [93/95/EEC](#)(3) of 29th October 1993 and [96/58/EEC](#)(4) of 3rd September 1996; or

(c) those which were first used before 1st April 1989 and fulfil all of the following requirements—

- (i) they are fitted with lenses that are designed to correct a defect in sight,
- (ii) they transmit 50 per cent or more of the light, and
- (iii) they do not fly into fragments if fractured.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation:

(a) an approved certification mark is—

- (i) the certification mark of the British Standards Institution; or
- (ii) a certification mark which indicates that a conformity assessment equivalent to that of the British Standards Institution has been undertaken, and

(b) an approved body is—

- (i) the British Standards Institution; or

(1) O.J. No. L399, 30.12.89, p. 18.
(2) O.J. No. L220, 30.8.93, p. 1.
(3) O.J. No. L276, 9.11.93, p. 11.
(4) O.J. No. L236, 18.9.96, p. 44.

- (ii) any body approved by an EEA State to undertake conformity assessments equivalent to those undertaken by the British Standards Institution.
- (3) The types of eye protector prescribed by paragraph (1) are not prescribed as authorised for use by persons to whom paragraph (4) applies.
- (4) This paragraph applies 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;
 - (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; or
 - (d) that person is in the armed forces of the Crown, is on duty and is wearing an eye protector supplied to him as part of his service equipment.