



# Road Traffic Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 52

### PART I

#### PRINCIPAL ROAD SAFETY PROVISIONS

*Protective measures: seat belts, helmets, etc.*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>15A Safety equipment for children in motor vehicles.

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations prescribing (by reference to shape, construction or any other quality) types of equipment of any description to which this section applies that are recommended as conducive to the safety in the event of accident of prescribed classes of children in prescribed classes of motor vehicles.
- (2) Regulations under this section may make provision for securing that when equipment of a type prescribed by the regulations is sold or offered for sale as equipment which is so conducive—
  - (a) appropriate information is provided in relation to it in such manner as may be prescribed, and
  - (b) inappropriate information is not provided in relation to it.
- (3) Except in such circumstances as may be prescribed, if a person sells, or offers for sale, equipment of any description for which a type is prescribed under this section as equipment which is so conducive and that equipment—
  - (a) is not of a type so prescribed, or
  - (b) is sold or offered for sale in contravention of regulations under this section, he is, subject to subsection (5) below, guilty of an offence.
- (4) Except in such circumstances as may be prescribed, if a person sells, or offers for sale, equipment of any description for which a type is prescribed under this section as equipment conducive to the safety in the event of accident—
  - (a) of children not of a class prescribed in relation to equipment of that type, or

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- (b) of children in motor vehicles not of a class prescribed in relation to equipment of that type,  
he is, subject to subsection (5) below, guilty of an offence.
- (5) A person shall not be convicted of an offence under this section in respect of the sale or offer for sale of equipment if he proves that it was sold or, as the case may be, offered for sale for export from Great Britain.
- (6) The provisions of Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect in relation to contraventions of this section.
- (7) Regulations under this section may make different provision in relation to different circumstances.
- (8) This section applies to equipment of any description for use in a motor vehicle consisting of—
- (a) a restraining device for a child or for a carry-cot, or
  - (b) equipment designed for use by a child in conjunction with any description of restraining device.
- (9) References in this section to selling or offering for sale include respectively references to letting on hire and offering to let on hire.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 15A inserted by [Motor Vehicles \(Safety Equipment for Children\) Act 1991 \(c. 14, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 1

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