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**The Motor Cycles (Wearing of Helmets) (Amendment)
Regulations 1976**

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

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 2nd February 1977 and may be cited as the Motor Cycles (Wearing of Helmets) (Amendment) Regulations 1976.

2. The Motor Cycles (Wearing of Helmets) Regulations 1973(b) shall be amended so as to have effect as if in Regulation 2 (Interpretation) in paragraph (1), in the definition of “protective headgear”—

(a) in sub-paragraph (i) after the words “British Standard 2495 published on 20th April 1960” there were inserted the words “or British Standard 2001 published on 28th April 1972, or British Standard 5361 published on 1st July 1976 (including the specification contained in any of the amendments specified in the Schedule to the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) Regulations 1974(c), as amended (d))”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (ii) after the words “a helmet” there were inserted the words “of a type manufactured for use by persons on motor cycles”; and

(c) at the end of paragraph (a) the following paragraph were added:—

“(aa) if worn with a chin strap attached to or held in position by a strap or other fastening provided on the helmet, is provided with an additional strap or other fastening (to be fastened under the wearer’s jaw) for securing the helmet firmly to the head of the wearer; and”.

William Rodgers,
Secretary of State for Transport.

29th December 1976.

(a) 1972 c. 20.

(c) S.I. 1974/2000 (1974 III, p. 6997).

(b) S.I. 1973/180 (1973 I, p. 741).

(d) S.I. 1976/2241. (1976 III, p. 6272).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Cycles (Wearing of Helmets) Regulations 1973. The effect of the amendment is to modify the definition of protective headgear so that

- (a) two new British Standards are added to the descriptions of protective headgear which may be worn to satisfy the requirements of these Regulations;
- (b) a helmet which may be worn to satisfy the requirements of the Regulations and which does not comply with any of the specified British Standards must be a helmet of a type manufactured for use by persons on motor cycles on roads; and
- (c) if the helmet is worn with a chin cup, it must be provided with an additional strap or other fastening for securing the helmet firmly on the wearer's head.

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