
**MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS 1985 (PROTECTIVE
HELMETS) NOTIFICATION 2008**

The Chief Officer makes this notification exercising his powers under regulation 40 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations 1985(a).

Citation and Commencement

1. This Notification may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations 1985 (Protective Helmets) Notification 2008 and comes into force on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

Approval of protective helmets

2. (1) A protective helmet is approved for the purpose of regulation 40 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations 1985 only if it—

- (a) complies with any of the standards listed in paragraph (2); and
- (b) by reference to the standard in question, is suitable for protecting persons carried on the motor cycle in question.

(2) The standards are—

- (a) BS 6658: 1985 “Specifications for protective helmets for users of vehicles”;
- (b) UNECE R-22: “Agreement as regards the adoption of harmonised approval and mutual recognition specifications for approved equipment and accessories of motor vehicles – Regulation No. 22 on harmonised provisions as regards the approval of protective helmets and masks for drivers and passengers of motorcycles and mopeds as amended”;
- (c) UNE 26-428-91: “Protective helmets for users of motor cycles/power driven bicycles”;
- (d) SNELL L-98: “1998 standard on protective helmets for use with low powered vehicles, mopeds and motorised bicycles and similarly lightly powered vehicles”;
- (e) any other standard accepted by a member State of the European Union which offers in use equivalent levels of safety, suitability and fitness for purpose.

Dated this 25th day of June 2008.

By the Administrator’s Command,

P. D. Draycott,
Chief Officer,
Sovereign Base Areas.

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Notes

(a) PI 35/85. Regulation 40 was substituted by PI 55/2001.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Notification)

Introduction

1. This explanatory note relates to the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations 1985 (Protective Helmets) Notification 2008 (the “Notification”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Notification. It does not form part of the Notification.

2. The note should be read in conjunction with the Notification. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Notification. So when a provision does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.

Particular points

3. Regulation 40 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations 1985 requires the driver of any motor cycle, and any person carried on it, when travelling on a road, to wear a protective helmet of a type approved by the Chief Officer and notified by him in the Gazette. A “motor cycle” includes a scooter, moped and motor tricycle.

4. This Notification lists the types of protective helmet approved by the Chief Officer.