

Legislative amendments to update standards of approved protective helmets listed in Schedule 1 and approved seat belts in Part I of Schedule 2 of the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations to cope with new products emerge in the market will take effect on **30 June 2005**.

Updated standards added to Schedule 1 to the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations on approved protective helmets include-

- a) British Standard 6658:1985;
- b) Japanese Industrial Standard JIS T 8133:1970-2000 for full type protective helmets for drivers and passengers of motorcycle;
- c) Australian Standard AS 1698-1988;
- d) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218 of Federal Regulations Vol. 38 No. 160 of USA dated 20 August 1973 including all revisions of that standard made before the date this subparagraph comes into operation;
- e) ECE Regulation No. 22 made by the Economic Commission for Europe dated 1 June 1972 (E/ECE/324-E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.1/Add. 021) including all revisions of that regulation made before the date this subparagraph comes into operation;
- f) Snell Memorial Foundation. Standard for Protective Headgear 1970-2005

The approved type of protective helmets should bear marking signifying compliance with the approved standards. Some marking samples are:



ECE Regulation No. 22 standard.



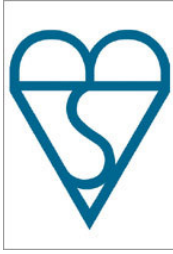
Snell standard M2000.



Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (USA) No. 218 for motorcycle helmet.



Japanese Industrial standard JIS T8133



British standard BS 6658



Australian Standard

Updated standards added to Part I of Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations on approved seat belts include-

- a) Australian Design Rule 4/03 approved in Road Vehicle (National Standards) Determination No. 2 of 1997 (Australia) all revisions made before the date this subparagraph comes into operation;
- b)
 - i) Technical Standard for Seat Belt Assemblies made by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan in attachment 32 to Announcement No. 619 of 15 July 2002; and
 - ii) Seat Belt Assembly Test Procedure (TRIAS) 31-1994 made by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan in Circular of Koshin No. 453 of 24 August 1971 including all revisions of that standard and test procedure made before the date this subparagraph comes into operation;
- c) Directive 77/541/EEC issued by the European Economic Community dated 28 June 1977 including all revisions of that directive made before the date this paragraph comes into operation.