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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

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MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 203)

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Transport and Highways under Section 237 read with subsections (2) and (3) of Section 158 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203).

Minister of Transport and Highways.

Colombo.

05th July, 2022.

Regulations

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Traffic (Protective Helmets) Regulation No. 02 of 2022.
2. Every person who rides a motor cycle or is carried on a motor cycle on any road shall wear a protective helmet with or without a visor, and such protective helmet shall -



- (a) Comprise a shell, shock absorbing liner, a chin strap, a buffer padding and a head band;
- (b) Conform to the standards pertaining to the helmets classified as Type B of the Sri Lanka Standard Specification for Protective Helmets for Vehicle Users (SLS 517:1994) or such standard that may be applicable for protective helmets from time to time. Such protective helmet shall bear the SLS product certification mark issued by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution; and
- (c) Not reflect light from its outer surface.

3. The chin strap of the protective helmet shall be firmly fitted to the helmet and it shall have a mechanism that enables the wearer of the helmet to adjust the length of the chin strap and to fasten and unfasten the chin strap securely and conveniently.

4. Where a protective helmet is with a visor, such visor -

- (a) Shall be fitted to the protective helmet; and
- (b) Shall not be worn if -
 - (i) it is made of a tinted or coloured material; or
 - (ii) it obscures the peripheral vision of the wearer of the helmet.

5. The protective helmet may have a chin guard, and such chin guard shall not obstruct the peripheral vision of the wearer of the helmet as set out in the Schedule hereto.

6. A person shall not-

- (a) Use or sell or offer for sale any helmet for the purpose of riding a motor cycle which does not conform to the provisions of these regulations; and
- (b) Wear a protective helmet as provided in these regulations in any public place or at any public gathering.

7. These regulations shall not apply in respect of -

- (a) A police officer engaged to combat crimes;
- (b) A member of the Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Navy or Sri Lanka Air Force tasked with the protection of the national security;
- (c) A person who is employed to engage in duties entailing risks; or
- (d) A person who intends to ride a motor cycle at a motor cycle race or to rehearse for such a race on any road,

at the time of undertaking such duties or tasks.

8. The Motor Traffic (Approved Protective Helmets) Regulations of 1990, published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 644/26 of January 11, 1991 and the Motor Traffic (Protective Helmets) Regulations No. 02 of 2017, published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2007/39 of February 23, 2017 and hereby rescinded without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder.

9. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

"Chin guard" means an extension or attachment of the shell of the protective helmet covering the lower parts of the face;

"Chin strap" means a strap which is not less than 20mm in width that passes under wearer's chin or lower jaw and which is intended to retain the protective helmet on the wearer's head under impact;

"peripheral vision" shall have the same meaning as in the Sri Lanka Standard specification for Protective Helmets for Vehicle Users (SLS 517:1994) and shall conform to the Schedule hereto;

"road" shall have the same meaning as in the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203); and

"Visor" means a transparent protective screen extending over the eyes and covering part or all of the face of the wearer of the protective helmet.

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 5]

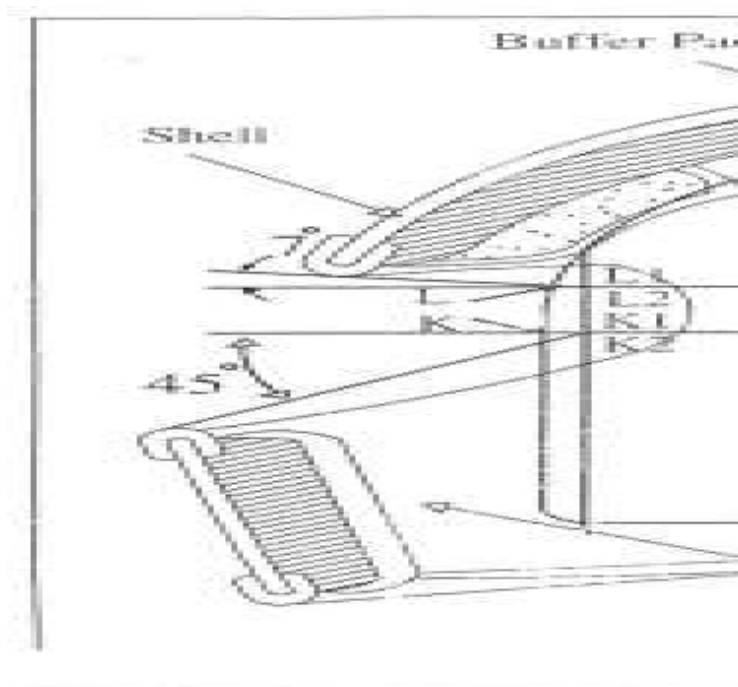


Figure 1 : Peripheral Vision Regions - Side View

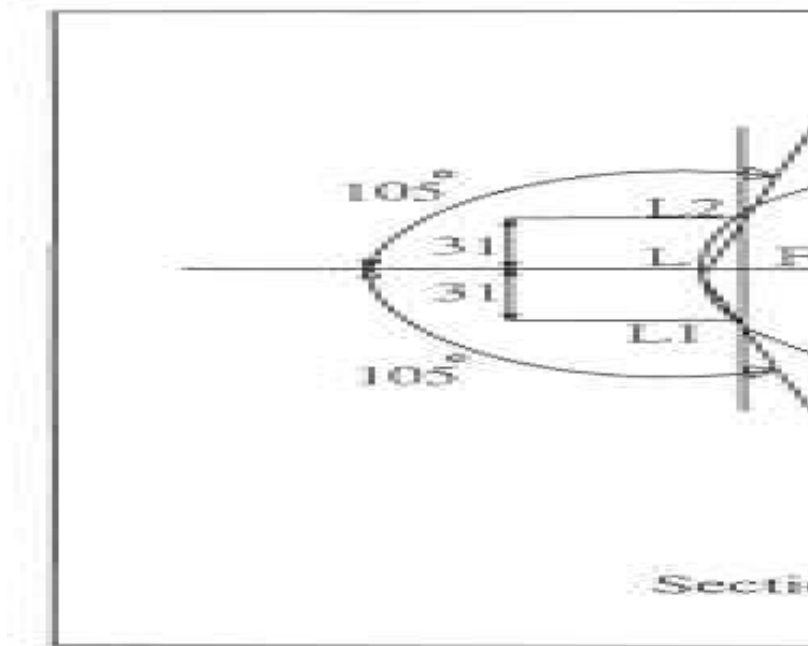


Figure 2 : Peripheral Vision Regions - Top View

- Note : 1. There should be visionary angles of 7° , 45° and 105° as shown in the Figures 1 and 2.
2. The line LK lies on the front surface of the headform in the longitudinal vertical plane. The points K1 and K2 lie on the surface of the headform and 31mm to either side of the longitudinal vertical plane.
3. The points L1 and L2 represent the left and right eyes respectively.

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