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**Government Notifications**

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**MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 203)**

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

NIMAL SIRIPALA DE SILVA,  
Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

Colombo,  
21st February 2017.

**Regulations**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Traffic (Protective Helmets) Regulations No. 02 of 2017.
2. Every person who rides a motor cycle or is carried on a motor cycle shall wear a protective helmet at all times.
3. The protective helmet shall be-
  - (a) worn to securely fit the wearer's head ;
  - (b) fitted with a chin strap ; and
  - (c) fitted with a visor not made of a tinted or coloured material exposing the face area without obstructing the peripheral vision
4. When a protective helmet is worn, no part, extension or attachment thereof, shall obscure, conceal, or distort any portion of the face of the wearer.
5. The protective helmet and chin strap shall be one single unit without any sharp edges, sharp points, joints, everts or bolts around it.



6. The colour of the protective helmet shall be ninety percent a single colour that is easily visible without any light reflectively from its outer surface.

7. Every protective helmet worn or used by a person who rides on motor cycle shall conform to Sri Lanka Standard 517 : 1994 or such standard that may be applicable for protective helmets from time to time.

8. (1) No person shall use or sell or offer for sale any helmet that does not conform to the provisions of these regulations for the purpose of riding a motor cycle on any road except for riding a motor cycle at a motor cycle race.

(2) A person riding a motor cycle for a motor cycle race shall not take part in racing unless with the necessary protective gear.

9. The Motor Traffic (Approved Protective Helmets) Regulations of 1990, published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 644/26 of January 11, 1991 is hereby rescinded.

10. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :-

“Chin strap” means a strap which is not less than 20mm in width that passed under the wearer’s chin or lower jaw and which is intended to retain the helmet on the wearer’s head under impact ; and

“Visor” means a transparent protective screen extending over the eyes and covering part of all of the face of the wearer.

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