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Regulations made under section 93

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Bicycles) Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
“bicycle” means a pedal bicycle and includes a pedal tricycle;
“hours of darkness” means the time between sunset and sunrise;
“protective helmet” means a helmet referred to in regulation 14.

Towing not permitted

3. No bicycle shall be towed by any other vehicle, when on any road.

Restriction on number of persons carried

4. No bicycle shall be used to carry at any one time more persons than the number for which it is designed and no pillion passenger shall be carried on a bicycle:

Provided that a child under 12 years of age may be carried on a properly constructed seat or carrier affixed to a pedal bicycle.

Riders to give signals

5. The rider of a bicycle shall, in order to inform traffic that he intends —
 - (a) to ‘stop’, hold out his right arm horizontally with the forearm vertical and with the palm of the hand to the front;
 - (b) to ‘slow down’, hold out his right arm horizontally with the palm of the hand downwards, and move the arm up and down several times;
 - (c) to ‘proceed to the right’, hold out his right arm horizontally with the palm of the hand to the front; and

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(d) to 'proceed to the left', hold out his left arm horizontally with the palm of the hand to the front.

Signals to be made in sufficient time

6. Signals under regulation 5 shall be made in sufficient time to enable traffic to take appropriate action for the avoidance of danger.

Travelling abreast prohibited

7. (1) No pedal bicycle shall be ridden on the right of another vehicle proceeding in the same direction except when overtaking such other vehicle.

(2) No bicycle shall be ridden on the right of any two other bicycles proceeding abreast in the same direction, except when overtaking such other bicycles or on parts of roads or paths set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(3) Wherever any part of a road or a path adjacent to a road has been set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, no bicycle shall be used on any other part of the roadway.

Bicycle to be ridden on left side of road

8. Every bicycle shall be ridden close to the left hand edge of the roadway and in such a manner as not to obstruct vehicles moving at a faster speed.

Load on bicycle

9. (1) No load on any bicycle shall weigh more than 18 kilogrammes or be as such dimensions as to cause or be likely to cause danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons using the road, and every load shall be properly and rigidly secured to the bicycle.

(2) No load on any pedal tricycle shall overhang the body fitted thereto nor shall the height of any such load be more than one metre from the ground.

Bicycle to be ridden in orderly manner

10. No bicycle shall be ridden or propelled otherwise than in an orderly manner and with due regard for the safety of others.

Lights to be carried by bicycles during darkness

11. (1) Every bicycle shall, during the hours of darkness, carry a lamp showing to the front a white light visible from a reasonable distance.

(2) Every pedal tricycle shall, during the hours of darkness, carry a lamp fixed to the offside of the vehicle and showing to the front a white light visible from a reasonable distance.

(3) Every bicycle shall, during the hours of darkness, carry a lamp or a red reflector showing to the rear a red light or a red reflector visible from a reasonable distance.

Restrictions on nature of lights

12. (1) No bicycle shall show a red light to the front.

(2) No bicycle shall show any light other than a red light to the rear.

Wearing of protective helmets

13. (1) Every person who rides bicycle on a road shall wear a protective helmet.

(2) Any person whom contravenes the provisions of sub-regulation (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500, imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or both.

Protective helmets

14. (1) A protective helmet is a helmet which conforms as respects shape, construction, labelling, marking and other qualities to the requirements of one or more of the following standards —

(a) American National Standards Institute ANSI 290.4-1984 (American National Standard for Protective Headgear for Bicyclists);

(b) American Society for Testing and Materials ASTM F1447-94 (Standard Specification for Protective Headgear Used in Bicycling);

(c) British Standards Institute BS 6863:1989 (British Standard Specification for Pedal Cyclists' Helmets);

(d) Canadian Standards Association CAN/CSA D113.2-M89 (Cycling Helmets);

(e) Snell Memorial Foundation B-90 (1990 Standard for Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling);

(f) Snell Memorial Foundation B-95 (1995 Standard for Protective Headgear for Use with Bicycles);

(g) Snell Memorial Foundation B-90S (1994 Supplementary Standard for Protective Headgear for Use with Bicycles);

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(h) Snell Memorial Foundation N-94 (1994 Standard for Protective Headgear: for Use in Non-Motorised Sports);

(i) Standards Association of Australia AS 2063.2-1990 (Part 2: Helmets for Pedal Cyclists);

(j) United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 16 CFR Part 1203 Safety Standards for Bicycle Helmets. O. Reg. 411/95, s. 1; O. Reg. 38/03, s.1 (1).

(2) The helmet shall bear the mark of the standards authority or the mark of the manufacturer showing that the helmet meets the prescribed standard.

(3) A reference to a standard in sub-regulation (1) includes any amendment made to that standard, whether before or after the commencement of these Regulations.

Penalty

15. Any person who fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations (except regulation 13(1)) is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200 and, in the event of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$500.