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National foreword

This Standard SLNS/BSI 6658:1985 Protective helmets for vehicle users – Specification is a new national adoption identical to BS 6658:1985: Specification for Protective Helmets for Vehicle users, published by the British Standards Institute (BSI). This version of the Saint Lucia National Standard was adopted by the Standards Council on ……

In Saint Lucia the legislation exists that requires motorcycles and similar vehicles to wear helmets during transportation or riding. Given that it is mandatory that helmets be worn, there is need for national standards to guide which helmets are suitable for the purpose. This national standard is expected to provide specifications for motor vehicle user helmets that can guide users, associations, governmental authorities and regulators.

The adoption of this standard is geared towards addressing the need to regulate helmets used in Saint Lucia for motor vehicle purposes. This standard also seeks to provide information to users of helmets concerning said product, as well as providing a basis for the choice in purchase. This standard may also provide a benchmark or threshold by which government authorities may regulate the importation of motorcycle helmets or in the inspection of these products for use. The specification may also be used as a data point for information purposes by authorities for use in educating the general public on the importance of continued use of helmets.

A Helmet is one of the most important items of personal protective equipment used by motorcycle riders for protection against the hazards connected with driving on roads.

Helmet effectiveness has been confirmed by scientific studies, while helmet myths – helmet break necks, block vision and impair hearing” – have been consistently disproved. Safety-conscious riders therefore wear helmets as a sensible, responsible choice every time they ride.

This specification defines helmets both in terms of their materials, dimensions and production, and largely in terms of their function. This standard provides requirements for helmets and specifies tests for protective performance. The standard specifies tests for several different aspects of helmet performance and also tests for impact protection. The standard also sets labelling requirements for identification and warnings. There are also set limitations on helmet configuration, the number of samples to be tested and describes the uses for which qualified headgear may be appropriate

Helmets are being presented as an intervention in a chain of accident dynamics that would otherwise lead directly to injury.

As part of the British developed quality assurance scheme, which is accepted in Saint Lucia for helmets, qualifying helmets may be marked to identify the manufacturer, country of origin, helmet size and the number of the compliance standard.

The certification mark of the British Standards Institution (BSI), the 'kite mark', may be applied under license obtained from the BSI and requires the manufacturer to participate in quality assurance and testing programs administered by the BSI. The British Standards Institute has set
performance levels that every crash helmet should satisfy which is identical to this national standard.

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