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UPDATING OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLE HELMET STANDARDS

Manitoba has updated off-road vehicle (ORV) helmet standards under the Off-Road Vehicles Regulation (the Off-Road Vehicles Act) to ensure Manitobans have access to the most advanced helmets to reduce the risk and severity of head injuries.

In Manitoba, the Off-Road Vehicles Act requires all persons that operate or ride on an ORV to wear a helmet that conforms to one of the following updated helmet standards set out in the Off-Road Vehicles Regulation:

- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) *Regulation No. 22 Uniform Provisions Concerning the Approval of Protective Helmets and of their Visors for Drivers and Passengers of Motorcycles and Mopeds*, also known as “ECE 22-05”
- Snell Memorial Foundation *M2010 Standard for Protective Headgear For Use with Motorcycle and Other Motorized Vehicles*
- Snell Memorial Foundation *M2015 Standard for Protective Headgear for Use with Motorcycle and Other Motorized Vehicles*
- United States of America, *Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) Standard No. 218; Motorcycle Helmets (49 CFR 571.218)*, also known as “FMVSS No. 218” or Department of Transportation “DOT”

Most helmet manufacturers have adopted these standards. As a result, the majority of retailers are selling helmets manufactured to these standards and the majority of riders are using a helmet already in compliance with the regulation.

The impact on the riding public will be minimal. If a person owns a helmet that complies with a standard that is no longer recognized in Manitoba, they may continue to use that helmet provided they owned the helmet prior to the date of the regulatory change – February 14, 2017.

Helmet standards are marked by label, sticker or permanent marking on or inside the helmet and/or product packaging.

The Off-Road Vehicles Regulation can be viewed on the Manitoba government's website at <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/index.php>

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