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Specification for Labelling of commodities – Part 17: Labelling of protective helmets for road users



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Foreword

This Guyana Standard is the first revision of GYS -17: 2004 '**Specification for Labelling of commodities – Part 17: Labelling of protective helmets for road users**'. This standard was revised by the Guyana National Bureau of Standards through the **Technical Committee – Personal safety (TC 10)** and approved by the National Standards Council.

In the revision of this standard, assistance was derived from the following publications:

1. TTS 76 – Part 2:1994' Requirements for labelling – Part 2: Labelling of prepackaged goods

The revision was deemed necessary to update the requirements for applicability in the current market for safety helmets. This standard provides the manufacturer, retailer or seller with the necessary information to carry out his obligation to describe the commodity in a truthful, informative and no-descriptive manner so as not to create deception.

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1 Scope

This standard specifies requirements for the information to be provided on labels of protective helmets for road users, offered for sale in Guyana.

This standard applies to protective helmets for use by pedal cyclists and motorcyclists. This standard also applies to protective helmets for use for All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and electric bikes.

This standard does not apply to protective helmets for use in open motorised vehicles (boats, non-motorised sports, automotive racing, karting, competitive skiing, and equestrian activities).

2 Normative reference

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

TTS 76 – Part 2:1994, *Requirements for labelling – Part 2: Labelling of prepackaged goods*

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions shall apply:

3.1 centre line

The point from which peripheral vision is detected. It is desirable that as much of the head as possible should be protected above a horizontal plane at the level of the external auditory meatus and the inferior margin of the orbit.

3.2 label

Any mark, symbol, device, imprint, stamp, brand, ticket or tag applied to, placed on, accompanying, sold with, distributed with or referring to any commodity or package containing the commodity.

3.3 manufacturer

The person who produces, processes, prepares, packages or prepackages any commodity for retail sale or the person who sells any commodity under a trade name controlled by him.

3.4 package

A receptacle, container, wrapper, box, or confining band or cord in or on which any commodity is sold, but does not include package liners, shipping containers or any other wrapping or box not customarily displayed to the consumer or purchaser at the point of retail sale.

3.5 protective helmet

A device worn on the head, designed to mitigate the adverse effects of a blow to the head within a specified area. Hereinafter referred to as a “helmet” (See Figure 1).

3.6 retention system

The complete assembly by means of which the helmet is held in position on the head during use. The retention system consists of the retention strap and harness **(See Figure 1)**.

3.7 shell

The hard, smooth material that provides the general form of the helmet **(See Figure 1)**.

3.8 weight of the helmet

The mass of the helmet in kilograms. If a complete helmet (including ear flaps and neck curtain, if provided) weighs more than 1 kg, it should be marked with its weight to the nearest 30g.

4 Labelling requirements

4.1 General

A label affixed to, or marked on a commodity or its external package shall:

- (a) Give a description of the commodity and shall provide adequate information to a potential purchaser enabling him to select the commodity best suited to his/her needs;
- (b) This information shall include the mass, volume, measurement or size as applicable and shall give an accurate description of the components of the commodity as is necessary;
- (c) Be legible and durable up to the point of sale and where appropriate, during normal working life and use;
- (d) Not be false, misleading or deceptive; and
- (e) Have information in English language on the label of every container.

4.2 Detailed requirements

4.2.1 To be stated on the helmet

Each helmet shall be permanently and legibly marked in such a manner that the marking can be easily read without removal of the padding or other permanent parts of the helmet.

The following information shall be marked on the helmet:

- (a) name of the manufacturer and country of origin;
- (b) model designation;
- (c) size;
- (d) year of manufacture (shall be uncoded e.g. 'January 2004' or '01/2004'), this shall not exceed the duration of the DOT/ECE certification
- (e) the words 'Designed for use by ...' or 'Designed for use in the following activities....';
- (f) the nominal mass in grams of the helmet;

- (g) instructions to the user; and
- (h) certification mark (for example ECE or DOT). In the absence of these certification mark or any other certification mark as requested by the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS), a certificate obtained from an Independent Third-Party Test Laboratory shall be provided.

4.2.2 To be stated on the package

Where an outer package is supplied, it shall be clearly and legibly marked with the following:

- (a) manufacturer's brand name;
- (b) model designation;
- (c) size;
- (d) the nominal mass in grams of the helmet; and
- (e) the activity/activities for which the helmet is designed.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to ensure that a helmet meets the designed requirements of the sport or activity for which it is labelled as suitable

4.2.3 Instructions for use and care

In addition to the labelling requirements of **Clause 3**, each helmet shall be accompanied by a brochure or swing-tag which shall include the following:

- (a) information regarding the correct fit of the helmet;
- (b) instructions in words or pictures about the correct method of adjustment of retaining strap and fastening of the helmet;
- (c) information regarding cleaning methods and agents;
- (d) details regarding suitability of the helmet in relation to specific activities;
- (e) the list of sizes available in the model range together with the nominal mass for each size in the range;
- (f) recommendation to the users on the hazards associated with making adjustments to the helmet;
- (g) the manufacturer's recommendation on replacement of damaged helmets; and
- (h) the manufacturer's advice on the extent of protection.

5 Responsibility for labelling

It shall be the responsibility of the manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler or retailer of helmets in the course of trade or business to ensure that the commodity is labelled in accordance with the requirements of this standard.

Figure 1
Basic components of a helmet

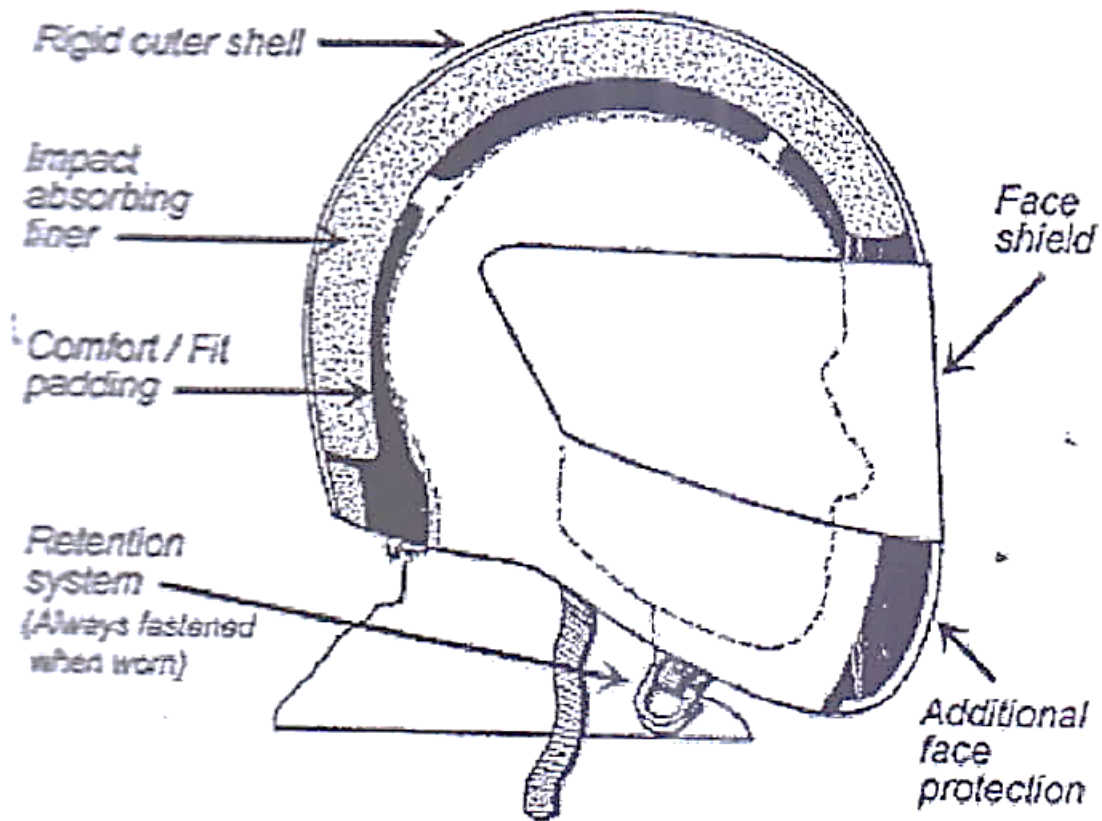
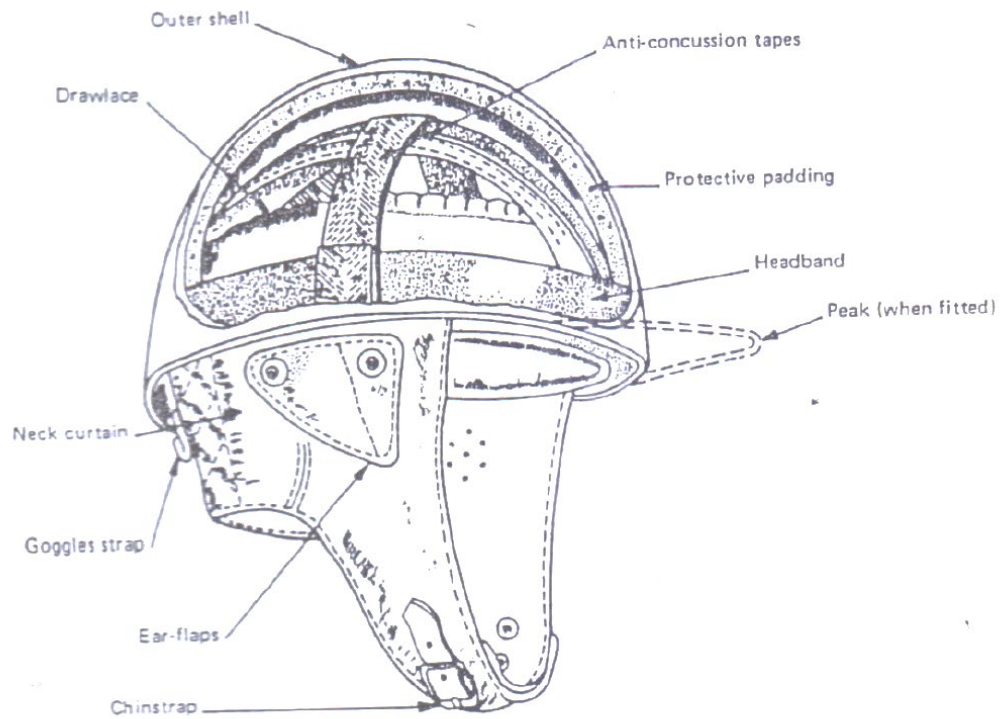


Figure 2

Image showing the details of a helmet



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