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Improving motorcycle safety

Questionnaire on Motorcycle Safety Policies and Programmes

A. Introduction

Motorcyclists are an established, significant and growing part of the vehicle/driver mix world-wide. Motorcyclist deaths and injuries are a matter of social concern. Motorcyclists are exposed/vulnerable to particular human, vehicle and environmental accident risk factors.

This questionnaire was developed by the Special Work Group on Improving Motorcycle Safety, set up during the 43rd session of the UNECE Working Party on Road Traffic Safety. Please refer to Working Document **TRANS/WP.1/2003/16**, Improving Motorcycle Safety, for a further description of the purpose and work of this group.

B. Explanation

- The most appropriate person to fill out this survey would be a senior government official who has ongoing responsibility for managing and directing your country's policies, programmes and practices related to motorcycle safety.
- The term "motorcycle" also includes "moped".
- When asked to "**tick box**", please tick the most appropriate answer, unless instructed to tick "all that apply".
- Use the blank lines in any tables to add further examples.

- If you need to expand your answer to any question, please attach additional sheets, with a clear reference to the question number you are expanding on.
- The term accident and crash are used interchangeably.

C. Overview

1. What level of priority does your Government give to motorcycle safety?

Tick box

Very high priority	
High priority	
Medium priority	
Low priority	
Not a priority	

2. Does your Government have a permanent body/committee that specifically considers motorcycle safety?

- Yes
 No

3. Does this body/committee involve non-governmental organizations?

- Yes
 No

4. Are there organizations outside Government which consider motorcycle safety?

- Yes
 No

D. Data/Statistics

5. Does your Government regularly collect statistics on the use of motorcycles, e.g. number and type of motorcycles in use, number and type of permit/licence?

- Yes
 No

6. Does your Government regularly collect statistics on road traffic accidents involving death or injury?

- Yes
 No

7. Are motorcycle accidents specifically identified within those statistics?

- Yes
 No

8. To what extent do the statistics cover the circumstances/conditions of the accident?

Tick box

Not at all	
Identifies responsibility for the accident	
Identifies human, vehicle and environmental contributory factors	

9. Does your Government use your accident statistics as a basis for developing motorcycle policies, programmes or campaigns?

- Yes
 No

E. Research

10. For which of the following individual issues related to motorcycle safety does your Government sponsor research projects?

Tick box

Research topic	For riders	For other road-users
In-depth accident analysis		
Rider training		
Road infrastructure		
Attitudes and behaviour		
Other:		

11. Which formal methods does your Government use to evaluate the effectiveness of your motorcycle safety programmes/policies etc.?

Tick box

None	
Subjective assessment	
Comparisons of accident statistics	
Specific before and after studies	
Other:	

12. Does your Government carry out research into the attitudes and behaviour of riders to safety-related issues?

- Yes
 No

F. Legislation which is specifically related to motorcycles/motorcyclists

13. For which of the following items does your Government have specific legislation for motorcycles/motorcyclists?

Tick box

Permits/licences	
Rider training	
Access to roads (e.g. motorways)	
Engine size or power	
Speed limits	
Protective equipment (please specify below)	

14. What level of priority is given to the enforcement of road-safety legislation?

Tick boxes

	For all road users	For motorcycles only
High priority		
Medium priority		
Low priority		
Not a priority		

15. Does your Government enforce the road-safety legislation constantly and consistently, or is this done mainly through targeted campaigns?

Tick boxes

	For all road users	For motorcyclists
Constantly and consistently		
Through targeted Campaigns		

G. Specific campaigns or programmes promoting motorcycle safety

16. For which of the following does your country have specific campaigns/programmes related to motorcycle safety?

Tick box

Impairment (e.g. alcohol, drugs)	
Awareness of motorcycles	
Conspicuity	
Fatigue	
Other:	

17. Are such campaigns based on identified problem areas?

Tick box

Always	
Mostly	
Not usually	

H. Permits/licences

18. Does your Government have different categories of motorcycle permit?

- Yes
 No

Please specify briefly on a separate sheet

19. Does your Government have specific/additional requirements for obtaining/renewing each type of permit/licence?

- Yes
 No

Please specify briefly on a separate sheet

20. Does your Government allow learner riders to use the roads after a period of initial training, prior to taking a driving test?

- Yes
 No

21. Does your Government allow car permit holders to ride motorcycles without first obtaining a motorcycle permit?

- Yes
 No

22. What type of testing does your Government require for each permit?

Complete list	Tick boxes		
	Theoretical	Practical test away from other traffic	Practical test on the road
Permit type			

23. Are there any categories of motorcycles in your country which can be ridden without a permit/licence?

- Yes
 No

I. Training

24. Does your legislation require training as part of the process of obtaining/renewing a motorcycle permit/licence?

Tick boxes

Type of permit	

25. Who is allowed to provide the training required by law?

Tick (as many as apply)

Government certified organizations	
Commercial organizations	
Volunteer organizations	
No limitations	

26. If training is not required by law, do riders take training?

Type of permit	Estimated % of riders

27. Is training easily available to all riders (e.g. within half-hour's travel of their residences)?

- Yes
 No

28. What is the average waiting time, in weeks, for getting on a training course? _____ weeks. (insert the number of weeks)

29. Does your Government have a standardised national motorcycle training curriculum?

Tick boxes

Type of permit	

30. Does your curriculum include the specific consideration of real, on-road situations and hazard-awareness?

Tick boxes

Type of permit	

31. Does your curriculum include the development of positive safety *attitudes*?

- Yes
 No

32. Does your Government have evidence/specific research to show that motorcyclist training reduces the risk of having an accident?

- Yes
 No

Please specify briefly on a separate sheet

33. Is your curriculum linked to a general education programme for developing road-safety awareness in schools?

- Yes
 No

J. Road design/environment/infrastructure

34. Does your Government have motorcycle-specific guidelines on the design, construction and maintenance of roads and the surrounding infrastructure, e.g. signs, barriers?

Tick boxes

	Roads	Surrounding infrastructure
Design		
Construction		
Maintenance		

K. Vehicle Factors

35. Does your Government have periodic motorcycle safety inspections?

- Yes
 No

L. Your national experience

36. In priority order, identify the three most significant measures that have been responsible for verifiable improvements in motorcycle safety in your country.

37. In priority order, identify the three biggest obstacles to improving motorcycle safety in your country.

38. Is there anything else that it would be helpful for us to know about your country's motorcycle safety programme?

Name of person responding to this survey:.....

Title:.....

Country:.....

May we contact you if we have questions about any of your answers?

Yes No

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