

The Philippines adopts UNECE regulation on helmets

The Philippines has adopted UNECE Regulation No. 22 on helmets as a Philippine National Standard.

Regulation No. 22 of the 1958 Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts gives standard specifications and test methods for protective helmets and their visors for motorcycles and mopeds drivers and passengers.

According to the World Health Organization, nearly 1.2 million people die of road-traffic accidents every year, with young motorcyclists (mostly under 25) making up a significant percentage of fatalities among road users in Asian countries. WHO reports that a majority of motorcycle deaths are a result of head injuries.

While wearing a helmet correctly can cut the risk of death by almost 40%, and the risk of severe injury by 72%, many countries do not strictly enforce laws covering the use of quality protective helmets.

The Philippines is not yet a Contracting Party to the Agreement but the work of the UNECE World Forum for Harmonization has an impact not only in the UNECE region and not only in countries that have signed the agreements, but far beyond. ✨

For more information contact [Juan Ramos Garcia \(wp.29@unece.org\)](mailto:Juan.Ramos.Garcia@unece.org).



UNECE countries in figures

Do you wonder what the capital city, currency or official language(s) of a particular country in the UNECE region are? Would you need a quick overview of the social and economic situation of each country, presenting easy-to-understand graphs and tables? Then *UNECE Countries in Figures 2009* might just be what you are looking for.

This booklet provides a one-page overview of the 56 member countries of the UNECE situated in Europe, North America, the Caucasus and Central Asia. Profiles include key facts and a map of each country, demographic data and indicators of gender equality, employment, national accounts, prices, trade and transport.

Among other data you will discover that:

- in Slovenia, women held 75% of all judge positions in 2006, but only 12% of the seats in parliament
- in the Republic of Moldova, women are on average 22.5 years old at the birth of their first child, which is the lowest age within the UNECE nations
- industry accounts for 64% of GDP in Azerbaijan but only 10% in Luxembourg and Cyprus.

UNECE Countries in Figures is published every two years. Data are updated permanently and available on-line through the UNECE Statistical Database (<http://www.unece.org/stats/data.htm>).

UNECE Countries in Figures 2009 can be purchased via the United Nations Publications Sales and Marketing network, and the UN Bookshops in New York and Geneva: <https://unp.un.org/>.

For more information and sample country profiles visit: <http://www.unece.org/stats/profiles2009>, or contact Anne-Christine Wanders (support.stat@unece.org).

