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## Snell Foundation Finalizes SA2015 Standard

The Snell Memorial Foundation, Inc. has finalized its SA2015 Standard for Protective Headgear which applies to auto racing helmets. However, although there are several changes in test requirements and procedures from the current SA2010 Standard, Snell certified auto racing helmets are expected to stay very much the same as they are now.

Changes include:

- SA2015 helmets must be ready for the addition of frontal restraint tether hardware such as used in HANS® and other systems.
- SA2015 includes provisions for “Low Velocity” impact testing.
- SA2015 includes “Low Lateral” impacts in case of strikes against side window frames and similar structures.

The projected timeline for SA2015 is as follows:

- SA2015 Certification testing has already begun.
- SA2015 Certified helmets will not be available for sale until October 1, 2015, when the standard takes effect.

Our advice to Safety Inspectors and Racing Authorities is that they continue to accept helmets in good condition and certified either to the current or immediately previous Snell standard. At this time, SA2010 is the current Snell standard and SA2005 is the immediately previous.

Snell urges everyone to replace their Snell certified helmets routinely no later than five years after the helmet is first worn. However, even by this conservative advice, many current SA2010 certified helmets still have years of service in them. Unless a helmet has been damaged, or has five or more years of use, or is no longer accepted by safety inspectors or track authorities, there may be no need to replace it.

Please direct any questions, comments and requests for copies of the SA2015 Standard to [info@smf.org](mailto:info@smf.org) or call 916-331-5073.

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## AGREEMENT

CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TECHNICAL PRESCRIPTIONS  
FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED  
AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES AND THE CONDITIONS FOR RECIPROCAL  
RECOGNITION OF APPROVALS GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRESCRIPTIONS <sup>\*/</sup>

(Revision 2, including the amendments which entered into force on 16 October 1995)

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### Addendum 21: Regulation No. 22

#### Revision 4

Incorporating all valid text up to:

05 series of amendments - Date of entry into force: 30 June 2000

Corrigendum 1 to the 05 series of amendments, subject of Depository Notification C.N.427.2000.TREATIES-1 dated 27 June 2000

Corrigendum 2 to the 05 series of amendments, subject of Depository Notification C.N.133.2001.TREATIES-1 dated 13 March 2001

Corrigendum 3 to the 05 series of amendments, subject of Depository Notification C.N.815.2001.TREATIES-2 dated 23 August 2001

Supplement 1 to the 05 series of amendments - Date of entry into force: 20 February 2002 <sup>\*\*/</sup>

UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF PROTECTIVE HELMETS AND THEIR  
VISORS FOR DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF MOTOR CYCLES AND MOPEDS



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<sup>\*/</sup> Former title of the Agreement:

Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts, done at Geneva on 20 March 1958.

<sup>\*\*/</sup> For New Zealand, the entry into force is 20 April 2002.