



## Memorandum

**TO :** All Clubs, Riders, Officials and Parents

**FROM :** Daniel Gatt – Office Manager

**DATE :** 21<sup>st</sup> December 2006

**SUBJECT :** Helmet Requirements

It has become obvious, based on the amount of enquires we have received regarding our Memorandum dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2006 regarding the painting of helmets, that we need to provide more information to better clarify the issue.

The practice of painting helmets is gaining in popularity every year and a look on the Internet can provide a list of companies that now conduct this service professionally. Prior to getting a helmet painted, consideration should be given to the manufacturers warranties and liabilities which could be voided if the helmet is not as manufactured, ie non-factory painted.

Certain paints and solvents can dissolve or impregnate the polycarbonate or gel coat on the outer shell of the helmet thus possibly reducing the structural integrity of the item. Painting of helmets should always be done by a qualified person who possesses an understanding of the ingredients of paints and the effect in may have on the structural composition of the helmet and its components.

An Australian Standard sticker (AS1698) is usually displayed on the outside of all helmets. Attempting to remove this sticker usually destroys the sticker meaning it can not be replaced after the helmet has been painted. Some helmets may also have this standard on the inside of the helmet. This sticker is required to be on the helmet for the helmet to comply at scrutineering.

There are some helmets that are manufactured overseas that do not carry Australian Standard stickers but additional standards from the manufacturing country, which may be FIM approved. Under MA permits, these helmets can be used for racing in Australia and will pass scrutineering on the condition these standards are listed in the Manual of Motorcycle Sports, even if they do not carry the Australian Standards markings.

If you intend to have your helmet painted, it is recommended that you check there are either the FIM or the Australian Standards sticker present on the inside of the helmet lining before any reference to standards is removed from the exterior shell.

If a helmet is presented at scrutineering without an Australian Standards label or an appropriate FIM standards label (as listed in the Manual of Motorcycle Sports) on either the outside shell or the inner lining of the helmet, the officials will reject the helmet and not allow participation in the event in that helmet.



# **Motorcycling NSW Limited**

ACN 096 875 526 ABN 20 096 875 526

PO BOX 9172, HARRIS PARK NSW 2150

PHONE: (02) 9635 9177

FAX: (02) 9635 5277

E-MAIL: [mnsw@motorcycling.com.au](mailto:mnsw@motorcycling.com.au)

Website: [www.motorcycling.com.au](http://www.motorcycling.com.au)

---

PROUDLY  
SPONSORED  
BY

