

Helmet Bylaw 13.12 change – notice for ACDS Website:

European Standards Authorities have superseded Standard EN1384 which relates to helmets for equestrian use (which is one of the standards referenced in ACDS By-law 13.12), and replaced it with British / European Standard VG1 01.040:2014-12.

It is understood the change essentially relates to periodic batch testing as a requirement of manufacture.

The change does not automatically mean a helmet certified to EN1384 which was considered 'safe' yesterday, is necessarily 'unsafe' today, but it is important that we as an organisation keep pace with such changes.

Accordingly, Federal Council has updated By-Law 13.12 to reflect the new standards, and the ACDS will phase out acceptance of helmets certified only to EN1384; as helmets manufactured to that standard will cease to have any quality monitoring going forward, but are likely to be still available on the market.

By-law 13.12 reflects the phasing-out timeline, and is consistent with the position taken by other equestrian organisations in Australia. The CDE Rules will also be amended accordingly.

[Bylaw 13.12](#)

Effective 4th March 2016: where helmets are worn at ACDS activities they must comply with at least one of the following codes and its proviso(s):

British – PAS 015: 1998 or 2011, VG1 01.040:2014-12 - provided they are BSI Kitemarked

European – VG1 01.040:2014-12 - provided they are BSI Kitemarked

American – ASTM F1163: 2004a or 04a onwards provided they are SEI marked SNELL E2001

Australian & New Zealand – AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards and provided they are SAI Global marked

Helmet Standard EN1384 will remain in place until 31st December 2016. As of 1st January 2017 helmets which are certified to EN1384 only, will not be acceptable for use at ACDS activities.

Members looking to purchase a new helmet are advised to not purchase one which is only certified to EN1384. There will potentially be significant numbers of these helmets 'dumped' onto the market as a result of the Standards change.

Members who presently own a helmet certified only to EN1384 are advised to consider replacement prior to 1st January 2017.

Some helmets for equestrian use are certified to meet the requirements of multiple standards – providing your helmet is certified to at least one of the Standards specified in paragraph 2 of By-Law 13.12, it will remain acceptable for use at ACDS activities.

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