



CLOTHING STANDARDS

EN 13595 PARTS 1 - 4 - PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR PROFESSIONAL MOTORCYCLISTS - JACKETS, TROUSERS AND ONE-PIECE OR DIVIDED SUITS

As the title says, and as has been explained elsewhere in this series of articles, the scope of EN 13595 encompasses garments for use by “professional motorcyclists” only.

When it became apparent that their political lobbying of the European Commission and European Standards agency CEN had failed both to have motorcycle clothing specifically excluded from the scope of the PPE Directive and for the programme to be dissolved, industry looked to other ways to slow development of the standards.

Claimed to be to provide yet another barrier to legislators to use the clothing standards as the basis for compulsion, the suggestion was tabled that the document should be divided into as many parts as possible. It was logical to follow the format of other product standards, with a general requirements document supported by documents describing each of the test methods. This slowed progress down slightly, but not significantly given the eight years it had taken to get to the point where advanced clothing drafts were even in circulation!