

Motorcyclists be very aware, the EU is out to get you!

There are a wide ranging new set of rules on the design of motorcycles being brought in 2016 by the European Parliament. These rules are being brought in with no justifiable evidence and unread by most MEP's as translations into their individual languages were not made available.

The rules have been tacked together in a manner that indicates a very lazy and outdated view of today's modern motorcycling instead of extolling their virtues.

Here is one example:-

Anti lock brakes for all motorcycles. Most experienced bikers will see a flaw in this proposal, firstly most collisions happen so quickly by the time the brakes are applied it is too late. Secondly ABS does not work under all conditions and the choice to switch it off will not be offered. Thirdly it will increase the cost to the customer at the time of purchase and in servicing costs.

And now another bit of ill thought out proposal by the EU.

Anti tamper rules, linked in with the new proposed 'Super MOT' brought about by false claims submitted to the EU by interested parties that there have been many motorcycle accidents caused by defective parts. The interested parties are those involved in motor vehicle testing equipment, so there is money to be made by them pushing this legislation. This might be true of countries that do not at the moment have annual MOTs, but as you know this does not apply to the UK.

If it is allowed to come to the UK be prepared to pay a lot for your new MOT and be prepared not to be able to customise your bike because third party parts manufacturers will cease to exist because it will be too expensive for them to manufacture parts and get them approved.

For further reading on this subject and a wealth of information on EU legislation that is to effect your enjoyment of motorcycling, please join MAG (Motorcycle Action Group) and subscribe to their rather informative Magazine 'Road' or visit their web site at <http://www.mag-uk.org> .