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Motorcycle safety self certification testing is too limiting in the US Federal Register. FMVSS No. 218 is outdated. If the goal is to help citizens to select sufficient safety equipment, there should be an effort to stay abreast of the newest materials, designs, and testing methods. For example, the DOT certification is only one testing method in the global helmet industry. SNELL and ECE have testing along with others. There are opinions that those 2 testing processes result in a higher level of safety. Countries like Canada have realized this and allow the use of all 3 certified products. Being this restrictive limits the level of safety a consumer can have access to while also increasing the cost for the product to consumers to pay for the unique testing in a specific market. Consider research and allowing a reciprocal type of certification or allowing certifications of multiple standards such as Canada uses.