



# Department of Transportation

State of Wyoming



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Wyoming County Clerks and County Treasurers  
**FROM:** WYDOT Compliance & Investigation  
**DATE:** July 2, 2008  
**RE:** Registration for Motorized Bicycles and Scooters

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With the onset of summer and the rising cost of fuel, we have received an influx of inquiries regarding titling and registration of motorized bicycles, scooters, and various other types of motorcycles. The variety of these vehicles available on the market makes it difficult to identify a particular "motorcycle" and determine whether it qualifies for registration. We have researched some of these vehicles upon request, and have put together the following information to assist the County Treasurers with registering them for your customers:

- **Moped:** A vehicle equipped with 2 or 3 wheels, foot pedals to permit muscular propulsion by human power, an automatic transmission, and a motor not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters that produces 2 brake horsepower or less and propels the vehicle at a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour on a level road surface. **Mopeds are excluded from registration pursuant to W.S. 31-2-201(d)(ix).**
- **Motorcycle:** Every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle and designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground...**For the purpose of registration and titling, "motorcycle" includes motorized bicycles and scooters, but excludes mopeds, motorized skateboards and off-road recreational vehicles** defined in W.S.31-1-101(a)(xv)(K).
- **Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards:** The U.S. Code of Federal Regulations requires manufacturers of motorcycles to permanently affix a label certifying the vehicle conforms to all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS). W.S.31-5-935 states the Director of the Wyoming Department of Transportation has adopted these safety standards in addition to the state required safety provisions set forth in W.S.31-5-970. **Registration and operation of motorcycles on public streets or highways that do not meet federal safety requirements is prohibited.**

In Conclusion, any motorized bicycle that is over 50 cubic centimeters, 2 brake horsepower, and travels over 30 miles per hour meets the definition of a motorcycle and may be registered. Any motorized scooter that meets the definition of a motorcycle and state and federal safety standards, which should have the federal label affixed, may be registered. If there are any questions regarding these requirements or questions regarding a particular make and model of motorcycle, please contact our office at (307) 777-3815. Thank you for your inquiries and assistance with this surge of motorcycle type vehicles.

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ALL COUNTY CLERKS  
ALL COUNTY TREASURERS

**FROM:** SLEETER DOVER, DIRECTOR, WYDOT  
SHERELL HAYES, MANAGER, MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES

**DATE:** AUGUST 5, 2004

**RE:** IN THE MATTER OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, MOTORIZED  
SKATEBOARDS, POCKET BIKES OR ROCKETS, "MINIMOTOS", ETC.

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Considerable interest and confusion has developed recently regarding a variety of motorized vehicles being marketed nationally and within the state. These motorized vehicles come under the general headings of "motorized scooters," "motorized skateboards," "pocket bikes or rockets," "minimotos," etc., *all of which are not certified as safe for highway use* by the U.S. Department of Transportation. These vehicles do not carry the safety equipment required to operate on a public street or highway. 49 CFR Part 567 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations requires manufacturers of motor vehicles to permanently affix a label certifying that the vehicle conforms to all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS).

Pursuant to Wyoming Statute 31-5-935, the Director of the Wyoming Department of Transportation has previously exercised his authority to adopt these safety standards. In doing so, WyDot has determined that due to the failure to meet such federal certification standards and the safety provisions of W.S. 31-5-970, the registration or operation of such vehicles on any public street or highway is prohibited.