

Bulletin

Farm and Industrial Machinery Dealers Association and Motorcycle Industry Division



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ACCC taking action on quadbike standard breaches

Members are reminded that from 11 October 2021 a new or second hand imported quad bike sold in Australia must meet the requirements of the *Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019 (Cth)* ([mandatory Quad Bike Safety Standard](#))

This will mean that from 11 October 2021 if you retail a quad bike you will be required to ensure that:

- All general use model quad bikes must have an operator protection device (OPD) that is either:
 1. fitted into the bike; or
 2. integrated into its design.
- All general use model quad bikes must meet the minimum stability requirements of:
 1. lateral stability – a minimum tilt table ratio (TTR) of 0.55
 2. front and rear longitudinal pitch stability – a minimum TTR of 0.8

What action has the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) taken subsequent to the new standard being mandated?

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) had forewarned those fines and penalties may apply for failure to comply with a mandatory safety or information standard.

In the most recent action, the ACCC accepted a court-enforceable undertaking from quad bike supplier Crossfire Motorcycles Pty Limited (Crossfire), after it admitted to supplying quad bikes that do not comply with the quad bike safety standard. You can view that undertaking [here](#).

How had Crossfire Motorcycles transgressed?

The ACCC determined that Crossfire Motorcycles were non-compliant in stating incorrect age recommendation warning labels, missing or non-compliant engine stop switches, missing reflex reflectors, and missing information in the owner's manuals. The ACCC determined that Crossfire's non-compliance with the Standard presented a risk to quad bike operators including children.

What is the key takeaway for retailers of quadbikes?

VACC advises that the key takeaway for retailers of quad bikes to ensure that proper labelling and other prescribed requirements as per the Standard are applied to each individual quadbike available for sale at your dealership. The ACCC displayed its intention to commence punitive action against those who are not following the prescribed quadbike standard requirements.

If your factory or manufacturer is not following the prescribed rules, please advise me at VACC. I am happy to commence dialogue with ACCC on such manufacturer behavior.

Please feel free to call me with any queries.

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