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First stage quad bike safety measures mandatory from 11 October 2020

VACC's Motorcycle Industry Division (MID) and Farm and Industrial Machinery Dealers Association (FIMDA) members have previously been advised that in October 2019, the Australian Federal Government accepted the ACCC's recommendation to [introduce a new mandatory safety standard](#) for quad bikes.

The ACCC now advises that stage 1 of two quad bike safety measures applied to the mandatory safety standard is now active. You can read the ACCC media statement by taking this [link](#).

That safety standards are:

Stage 1

Under stage 1, which came into effect on **Sunday, 11 October 2020**, all new quad bikes and imported second-hand quad bikes must now:

- meet the [requirements](#) within sections 4 to 8 of the US quad bike Standard, ANSI/SVIA 1-2017 or sections 5 to 7 of the EN 15997:2011 Standard, and have a spark arrester installed that conforms to AS 1019-2000 or US 5100-d Standards
- be tested for lateral static stability using a tilt table test and display the angle at which they tip onto two wheels on a hang tag at the point of sale
- have a durable label affixed, visible and legible when the quad bike is in operation, alerting the operator to the risk of rollover, and must include rollover safety information in the owner's manual.

Stage 2

Stage 2, which requires the fitting of operator protection devices and minimum stability requirements for new and second hand imported general use quad bikes, will become mandatory in one year's time (2021).

MID and FIMDA members are advised that the penalties for non-compliance are severe with a maximum penalty of \$500,000 for any suppliers who transgress.

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