

Mini-motor Cycles, Motor-driven Bicycle and Motor-driven Skateboard

Recently, there have been some inquiries from vehicle vendors and citizens concerning registration and licensing of mini-motorcycles, motor-driven bicycles and motor-driven skateboard. This open letter is published to address the related legal requirements.

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Under Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374), every motor cycle which is used on any road shall be registered and licensed. Before it can be registered and licensed, it shall be examined by this Department to assess if the vehicle is roadworthy meeting requirements of Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations. These types of mechanically propelled products, irrespective if they are electricity-driven or petrol-driven, will likely be classified as motor cycle or motor tricycle subsequent to vehicle examination of this Department. Their construction safety (e.g. protection to users, lighting system, braking system etc.) must meet requirements of Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations.

Every person who drives the above-mentioned vehicles shall also be a holder of a valid driving licence in respect of the class of motor cycle and motor tricycle.

Furthermore, under Motor Vehicles Insurance (Thirty Party Risks) Ordinance (Cap.272), it shall not be lawful for any person to use, or to cause or permit any other person to use, a motor vehicle on a road unless there is in force in relation to the user of the vehicle such a policy of insurance in respect of third party risks as complies with the requirements of the Ordinance.

Sale/Supply/Hire

Under Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374), no person shall sell, supply or hire a motor vehicle for delivery in such a condition that would contravene any provision of the ordinance. An offender is liable to a fine of \$20,000, unless the defendant can prove that he had reasonable cause to believe that the vehicle would not be used on a road in Hong Kong.

Registration and Licensing

All vehicles shall not be registered and licensed if they fail in Vehicle Type Approval Examination or Vehicle Pre-registration Examination of this Department. According to this Department's record, none of the above-mentioned mini-motor cycle, motor-driven bicycle or motor-driven skateboard has been registered or licensed. Citizens who use these vehicles on any road in Hong Kong are in contravention of the law.

For any queries regarding legitimate use of any mechanically propelled products, one should apply for vehicle examination by this Department and abide by the law.

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