



TECHNICAL ADVISORY

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

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SUBJECT: Titling and Registering Motorized Scooters, Mopeds and Motorcycles	

Overview:

Customers are confused when to title or register their motorized scooters, mopeds and motorcycles. This is a customer service tool to help these customers.

Details:

Motorized Scooters are not titled or registered in the State of Florida:

[Definitions for Motorized Scooters, Mopeds and Motorcycles.](#)

The customer has purchased a motorcycle from a seller in the United States and would like to obtain a title and/or registration; however, it is not on the motorcycle list in FRVIS.

Please advise the customer:

“You will need to contact the seller and advise them that the motorcycle will not be able to be titled or registered in Florida until you are provided with a Manufacturer’s Certificate of Origin (MCO).”

History behind the answer:

When these motorcycles are sold in the United States, the specifications must meet National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) guidelines, therefore the Manufacturer must be approved.

The customer purchased the motorcycle from a foreign country and there is no MCO.

Please advise the customer:

“You will need to contact the importer that imported your motorcycle. They need to obtain an importer's license. Once this is accomplished, the importer will then be able to provide you with a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO).”

History behind the answer:

When motorcycles are purchased from a foreign country, they are usually purchased in bulk. It would not be cost efficient to purchase just one and have it shipped overseas. In cases like these, the importer that imported these motorcycles needs to obtain an importer's license. In some instances, the motorcycles are not legally imported or do not meet the specifications set forth by NHTSA and therefore cannot be titled or registered.

NOTE: If a Manufacturer/Distributor/Importer is licensed in the state of Florida and a customer has a complaint, the customer may call the Division of Motor Services, Dealer License Office at 850-617-3003 for assistance.

Conclusion:

If you need additional information, please contact your next level of management or the Field Support Center.