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IMPORT OF MOTOR BIKES INTO AUSTRALIA

Following are contact details for the Department of Transport (DOTARS) in Canberra –

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Telephone: + 61 2 6274 7444
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Email: vimports@dotars.gov.au
Website: www.dotars.gov.au

- a) **Import Permit:** Please ensure you apply for and are granted an import permit for the motor bike from the Department of Transport and Regional Services in Canberra **before** shipping to Australia. **Under no circumstances should you ship the bike until you are absolutely sure you have been granted this import permit. It is now an offence to ship a bike to Australia without the required permit being first granted. DTRS have also indicated that they will reject any applications for bikes arriving here without the required permit.**

- b) **GST/Duty Payable:** Please note that 10% GST will be payable on the motor bike which is calculated on the Australian Customs value of the bike + transport and insurance costs.. This tax will be required to be paid to Australian Customs before they will release the bike.

- d) If you would like to pursue this further, following are some Internet address that may be of use: –

<http://www.customs.gov.au/resources/Files/Mvguide3.pdf> - Customs vehicle import information and applicable taxes / duties. . (See under the title "Guide to the Importation of Motor Vehicles or Motor Cycles" for details of taxes/duties and methods to calculate).

http://www.dotars.gov.au/transreg/vsb/vsb_10.htm – Department of Transport & Regional Services Bulletin No. 10 – “Importing Vehicles into Australia” and Vehicle Import Brochure.

NOTE: This information provided to you is to the best of our knowledge and understanding at the time of reply. We cannot be held responsible for any action Customs or the Department of Transport may take at the time of importation should it differ from what we understand to be normal practice. Customs and DOTARS will base any decision and duty/tax assessment on the final application of the importer at the time of that application. We have no control over their decision and cannot be held accountable in any way. It is in your best interests to contact both these authorities to verify your particular circumstances. Following are their Email addresses for your reference –

CUSTOMS: Email: information@customs.gov.au

DOTARS: Email: vimports@dotars.gov.au