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### Safety Requirements

Before you place e-scooters on the market, you have a legal duty to ensure the products you supply are safe. There are restrictions on where e-scooters can be used. E-scooters owned by consumers are illegal for use on pavements, public footpaths, cycle lanes and on roads.

You need to ensure the essential safety requirements below have been met:

- Manufacturers, their representatives, and importers must ensure that e-scooters meet the requirements of the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008. This can be achieved by demonstrating e-scooters have been assessed against the most relevant safety standard BS EN 17128: *Light motorized vehicles for the transportation of persons and goods and related facilities and not subject to type-approval for on-road use. Personal light electric vehicles (PLEV). Requirements and test methods*. NB: The PLEV standard, BS EN 17128 does not apply to e-scooters with a maximum design speed over 25km/h
- Should e-scooters become legal for road use, it is likely to only apply to certain e-scooters that have been manufactured to specific technical standards such as BS EN 17128
- Manufacturers should clearly identify the intended use of the e-scooters at the design stage and ensure the products are assessed using the relevant conformity assessment procedure. It is your duty as an importer to check that this has been done (please see the final section)
- The battery within the e-scooter must meet the appropriate safety standards for batteries
- The charger for the product must meet the relevant safety requirements for electrical equipment. Both the battery and the charger must be compatible to ensure there is no risk of over-heating and fire

### Labelling, including UKCA mark

The product must be marked visibly and permanently with the following:

- The business name and full address of the manufacturer and if applicable the manufacturers authorised representative
- Designation of machinery



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- Designation of series or type, serial number
- Year of construction
- From 1 January 2023, machinery being imported into GB must be marked with the UKCA mark. If they are being distributed in both markets and have the relevant safety documentation, both the UK and CE mark can be applied. For Northern Ireland goods, the UKNI and CE marks must both be applied
- If BS EN 17128 has been used to assess conformity, the e-scooter would also be expected to be marked with 'BS EN 17128:2020', the designation 'PLEV', and the designation of series or class with the maximum speed (e.g. kick scooter, class 2, 25 km/h)

### Warnings and Instructions

- Consumers may not be aware of the differences between legal and illegal use. As a seller/importer you are obliged to provide the consumer with information and advice that will enable them to use the product legally
- Instructions and information required for the legal and safe use of the e-scooters must be provided. Below are some of the instructions which must be present
- How to assemble and use any of the folding mechanisms
- Maximum weight of the user in Kg
- Maximum and/or minimum age of the user as appropriate
- The use of protective equipment such as: head, hand/wrist, knee, elbow protection
- Maximum mass of the user
- Statement that a load attached to the handlebar will affect vehicle stability

### Compliance Documentation

The manufacturer or their authorised representative in the UK must show they have carried out relevant conformity assessment procedures to ensure their products are safe. They must draw up a technical file which includes documents such as risk assessments and test reports.

Once this has been completed the manufacturer or their authorised representative in the UK must issue a Declaration of Conformity. You should request and thoroughly check these documents before you purchase the goods. You must keep copies of this documentation for a period of 10 years. You must be able to provide copies on request to Market Surveillance Authorities.



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### **A Declaration of Conformity should contain the following:**

- Business name and full address of the manufacturer or his authorised representative
- Name and address of the person authorised to compile the technical file, who must be established in the UK
- Description and identification of the e-scooter including function, model, type, serial number
- Confirmation the machinery meets the relevant requirements of the Regulations, along with any other relevant Regulations such as for the battery and charger
- References to the test standards used to assess the product, for example BS EN 17128
- If applicable the notified body 'name and number'
- Signed on behalf of the manufacturer with a date and place of the signature

### **A physical copy of the Declaration of Conformity must be supplied with the e-scooters.**

### **When you import goods into the UK, they can be subject to product safety checks at the border. In this instance you will be requested to provide some of the documents detailed below:**

- A copy of the Declaration of Conformity issued by the manufacturer
- A copy of a relevant test report to demonstrate how the product was tested and the results of that test
- Authorities may also request copies of a detailed packing list which should show the quantity of each item including number of pieces and cartons. Also, any marks or numbers which will enable each carton to be identified and located
- This information must be supplied in English

### **When sourcing your products, you should:**

- Buy from a reputable supplier and always obtain an invoice
- Make sure the product/packaging is marked with the name and address of the manufacturer
- Ask to see proof that the product is safe (a test certificate and Declaration of Conformity)



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The UK government provides further guidance on [Placing manufactured goods on the market in Great Britain - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-market-in-great-britain)