



Advisory

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Commencing with the 2003 registration cycle, all 2002 model year and older off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (OHVs) that can legally be registered in California will be issued an unrestricted use green sticker registration. All model year 2003 and newer OHVs that are California certified emissions compliant (identified on the emissions label) will be issued a green sticker registration. All model year 2003 and newer OHVs California certified emissions non-compliant ("C or 3" in the eighth character of the VIN) will be issued a restricted use red sticker registration. **All 1997 and newer (over 90cc) and 1999 and newer (90cc or less) grey-market OHVs (not manufactured for USA sale or use) that do not comply with California certification requirements and are not covered by a valid Executive Order are not legal for sale or registration in California.**

These changes to DMV registration procedures do NOT alter the past, current, or future regulatory requirements on manufacturers to certify all OHVs for sale or introduction into commerce in California. Any OHV that is not California certified by the manufacturer is illegal for sale or introduction into commerce in California. In addition, only motorcycles certified by their manufacturer to meet California on-road emissions standards or certified as dual-purpose (on and off-road) with the Air Resources Board (ARB), may be issued a license plate and registered for use on the street or highway. A motorcycle or other OHV emissions certified for "off-highway use" can never be made street legal. The installation of a light kit does NOT make an off-highway certified motorcycle or OHV legal for street or highway use and registration*. Violations of ARB regulatory requirements are subject to substantial penalties under the California Health and Safety Code.

For questions about OHV certification, please contact ARB's Public Information Office at 1-800-END SMOG. You may also view this advisory and all other Enforcement Advisories at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/advs/advs.htm>.

* Off-highway motorcycles purchased prior to January 1, 2004, will be allowed to convert to street use providing DMV receives an application on or before January 31, 2004. Model year 2003 motorcycles must be "green sticker" to be eligible. Please see DMV Vehicle Industry News #2003-11 at: http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vehindustry/vin_memos/vin2003/03vin11OHV_MC_Conversions.pdf. Also, please see [Advisory #319](#) for more information.