



# Importing Electric-Powered Devices into Australia

## What You Must Know About Advisory Notices

When importing electric-powered items such as e-bikes, e-scooters, golf carts, or miniature motorbikes into Australia, the **Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts** must determine whether the item is considered a *road vehicle* under the **Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018**.

If your item is **not** classified as a road vehicle, it may be eligible for an **Advisory Notice** confirming this status. This formal notice is issued under the **Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019** and helps ensure smooth Customs clearance.

### Without an Advisory Notice, your item may be:

- Held in bonded storage (with fees)
- Seized or destroyed (with potential charges)
- Re-exported at your expense

Applying before shipment protects you from costly delays and penalties.

[Apply for an Advisory Notice](#)

## What Is an Advisory Notice?

An **Advisory Notice – That a Thing Is Not a Road Vehicle** is a formal document that certifies:

- Your item does **not meet the legal definition of a road vehicle**
- It is **not regulated under the Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) legislation**
- It does **not require Vehicle Import Approval**

The **Australian Border Force (ABF)** uses this notice to clear your item through Customs **without requiring additional import permissions**.

## Who Needs an Advisory Notice?

You should apply for an Advisory Notice if you're importing any of the following — even for **private** or **off-road** use:

- Electric bicycles (including pedal-assist)
- Electric scooters or mobility scooters
- Golf carts or buggies
- Miniature motorbikes, ride-on bikes, or quad bikes
- Any other item that you believe is **not designed for use on public roads**

**Not sure if your item qualifies?** It's safer to apply — the Department will assess your case and decide.

## Quick Checklist: What You Need

- 100 points of ID (e.g. passport + driver's licence)
- Manufacturer's brochure or user manual
- Clear photos of the item
- Make, model, and year of manufacture
- Intended use (e.g. private, recreational)
- A\$55 non-refundable administration fee

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## How to Apply: Step-by-Step Guide

1. **Create a ROVER Account**
  - Register at the ROVER portal
  - Provide 100 points of ID
  - Complete SMS multi-factor authentication
2. **Start Your Application**
  - Select: “Advisory Notice – That a Thing is Not a Road Vehicle”
  - For vehicle type, choose **“Other”** if your item isn’t listed
  - Manually enter the manufacturer’s name
3. **Enter Item Details**
  - Provide make, model, year of manufacture, and intended use
  - Upload the brochure/manual and clear item images
4. **Submit and Pay**
  - Pay the A\$55 administration fee
  - Submit your application
5. **Processing Time**
  - Allow **up to 4 weeks** for the Department to process your request

## Tips for a Smooth Application

- **Upload clear, legible files** – blurry files may delay processing.
- **Save your progress** in the ROVER portal as you go.
- **Double-check your ID** – ensure you have the required documents before registering.

## Need Help Along the Way?

The Advisory Notice process is designed for individuals — but that doesn’t mean you’re on your own.

At **Palmers Relocations**, we:

- Help you determine if your item qualifies
- Explain each step of the ROVER application
- Assist with customs queries once your item arrives

We’ve handled a wide range of imports and are here to guide you.

 **Contact your Palmers Move Manager or our Imports Team**

 **Call us on 1300 363 916**