

IF YOU VALUE YOUR MOTORCYCLING THIS IS A MUST READ AND ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY, PLUS THE MESSAGE NEEDS TO BE FORWARDED AROUND OUR MOTORCYCLING COMMUNITY.

The current edition of MoreBikes newspaper contains an article which warns of a planned legislation by our government. This legislation apparently is to make illegal the modification of any motorcycle which deviates away from the original manufacturers specification.

Not only is this perceived to be being introduced “quietly”, it is the custom for there to be a 12 week consultation period prior to legislation but in this case, the period has been reduced to 8 weeks, read into that what you will!!!

Now, it would appear that not only would machines such as “Tritons” etc become illegal, but the modification term could also be used for such items as fitting luggage, fitting mirrors which actually show more than your elbows, fitting heated grips, fitting the tyres of your choice (replacing cheap inferior ones with those of better quality), in fact, it appears that even modifying your bike to make it safer and more practical could become illegal!

Added to that, if you own, as an example, a classics Japanese bike that in all respects is a perfectly sound, safe and reliable bike, if you cant get an original exhaust system to replace your old rusty one then the bike would, if the fears highlighted in the article are true, be deemed scrap !!!

Don't think that this will only apply to bikes purchased after legislation is introduced, because the article warns that legislation can be applied retrospectively too.

You **DO** have the right to add your thoughts about this to the consultation, **but it must be done before Nov 23rd** by taking part in the survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ETVHG5/

or alternatively contacting your MP.

Don't forget, time is critical here, if you love your sport then get busy, **NOW**, don't leave it to someone else. Every survey completed is vitally important.

Also make sure that word goes out throughout our community to prevent this ill thought out legislation being implemented.