



UNITED STATES  
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20207

**Memorandum**

Date: June 8, 2005

TO : Patricia Semple, Executive Director  
FROM : Hal Stratton, Chairman  
SUBJECT : Review of ATV standards

In conjunction with our current efforts to improve all terrain vehicle (ATV) safety in this country, and pursuant to the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) 15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*, I direct the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) staff to review all existing ATV safety standards and make recommendations regarding the advisability and potential for issuing an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) on this matter. Staff research and analysis should include, but not be limited to, the following issues:

1. Whether the current voluntary standards pertaining to ATVs [ANSI / SVIA-1-2001] are adequate for the protection of the public under the provisions of the CPSA and other pertinent acts, in light of recent trends in ATV-related injuries and deaths;
2. Whether the current voluntary standards pertaining to ATVs, or other safety and/or performance standards pertaining to ATVs, should be adopted as mandatory standards by the Commission;
3. Whether the terms of the existing voluntary letters of undertaking (LOUs) related to the ATV Action Plan should be adopted in full or in part by the Commission as mandatory safety standard regulations; and
4. Whether other actions under applicable acts administered by the CPSC including but not limited to rulemaking should be taken to appropriately enhance the safety of ATV operation and performance in the United States.

This review should include not only an assessment of the existing voluntary standards and LOUs, but also an exhaustive summary of other ATV safety-related proposals, including pre-sale training/certification requirements, enhanced warning labels, formal notification of safety rules by dealers to buyers, the addition of a youth ATV model appropriate for 14-year olds, written notification of child injury data at the time of sale, separate standards for tandem (two up) vehicles, and performance safety standards, among others. Staff should give particular consideration to provisions aimed at improving the safety of young riders.