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ACEM statistical release - Registrations of motorcycles in key European markets show a slight decrease during the first nine months of 2022

New motorcycle registrations in five of the largest European markets (i.e. France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK) reached 781,824 units during the first nine months of 2022. This represents a decrease of approximately 1.4% compared to the same period in 2021.

Motorcycle registration volumes declined in Italy, where they reached 227,400 units (-3.3% on a year-on-year basis), Germany (173,750 units, -0.5%) and France (154,660 units, -7.9%). However, other motorcycle markets, such as Spain (135,800 units, +6.2%) and the UK (90,190 units, +3.5%), showed an upward trend.

Moped registrations reached a total volume of 206,900 units in the six European moped markets monitored by ACEM (i.e. Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain). This registration volume is almost identical to last year's.

Quote

Commenting on the current situation of the sector, Antonio Perlot, ACEM Secretary General, said:

“Registration figures for the first three quarters of 2022 show that motorcycle and moped registrations in the EU's key markets remain broadly stable, despite the challenges created by the shortage of semiconductors and shipping delays.

“Next quarter's figures will allow us to assess the performance of the European motorcycle and moped markets for the entire year.

“We may see some differences between national markets. But our preliminary data suggest that motorcycle sales in 2022 will be as good as 2021, which was a very positive year for our industry”.

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Note for editors

As of 2020, ACEM statistical releases cover the following:

- For the motorcycle segment: Italy, France, Germany, Spain and UK. These countries account for about 80% of motorcycle registrations in the EU + UK block.
- For the moped segment: France, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Belgium, and Spain. These countries account for about 80% of moped registrations in the EU + UK block.

- Moped figures include L1eB vehicles (two-wheel mopeds) and L2e vehicles (three-wheel mopeds). Some countries may also include L1e-A vehicles (powered cycles) depending on their administrative practices.

About ACEM

- The European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) represents manufacturers of mopeds, motorcycles, three-wheelers and quadricycles (L-category vehicles) in Europe.
- ACEM members include 18 manufacturing companies: BMW Motorrad, Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP), Ducati Motor holding, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, KYMCO, MV Agusta, Peugeot Scooters, Piaggio, Polaris Industries, Qooder, Royal Enfield, Suzuki, Triumph Motorcycles, Yamaha and Zero Motorcycles.
- ACEM also represents 20 motorcycle industry associations in 17 different European countries. About 300,000 jobs depend on the L-category industry in Europe. There are more than 39 million motorcycles and scooters on Europe's roads (2019 estimate).