

## Chapter NR 6

## SNOWMOBILE STANDARDS CERTIFICATION

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Note: Chapter NR 6 as it existed on February 28, 1977, was repealed and a new Chapter NR 6 was created effective March 1, 1977.

**NR 6.01 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to establish procedures for certification of snowmobile equipment standards pursuant to s. 350.09, Stats., and establishes requirements for snowmobile races and derbies.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; am. Register, November, 1989, No. 407, eff. 12-1-89.

**NR 6.02 Applicability.** The provisions of this chapter are applicable to all snowmobiles which are manufactured, sold or offered for sale within the state of Wisconsin.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.

**NR 6.03 Definitions.** In this chapter and in ch. 350, Stats., these definitions shall apply.

(1) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

(2) "Headlamp" has the meaning designated in s. 340.01 (21), Stats.

(3) "Raceway facility" means an area, including a marked warmup and testing area, specifically designated by a sponsor for the purpose of conducting a sanctioned race or derby for which any required local permits have been obtained.

(4) "Sanctioned race or derby" means a competitive snowmobile event sponsored by a local unit of government, chamber of commerce, snowmobile club, promoter or similar organization.

(5) "Snowmobile" has the meaning designated in s. 340.01 (58a), Stats.

(6) "Sound level" (noise) means total noise emission from the entire snowmobile.

(7) "Tail lamp" has the meaning designated in s. 340.01 (66), Stats.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; renum. (1) to (5) to be (5), (1), (6), (2) and (7), cr. (intro.), (3) and (4), Register, November, 1989, No. 407, eff. 12-1-89.

**NR 6.05 Department approval.** (1) No snowmobile manufactured after January 1, 1977 may be sold or offered for sale by any manufacturer, distributor or dealer in the state of Wisconsin unless such snowmobile is constructed so as to meet the requirements of s. 350.09, Stats. Proof of compliance with the foregoing requirements shall be in the form of either:

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(a) A Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee, Inc. certified label conspicuously attached to the snowmobile, showing that such snowmobile meets the requirements of s. 350.09, Stats., or

(b) A letter from the applicant to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707 (attention: Snowmobile Safety Section) listing the following information on each model of snowmobile:

1. The description and model number of the snowmobile to be approved;

2. A copy of the test results required by s. NR 6.08 done by an independent testing laboratory currently engaged in the examination, testing and evaluation of noise control devices and which maintains or employs adequate staff and facilities to perform such function;

3. A certificate certifying that the snowmobile has been tested in accordance with s. NR 6.08 and meets the requirements of s. 350.09, Stats.

(2) The certification and test reporting procedure followed shall be approved by the department, provided that:

(a) The snowmobile has a S.S.C.C. label conspicuously attached, showing that said snowmobile meets the requirements of s. 350.09, Stats., and has been tested in accordance with the provisions of s. NR 6.08, or

(b) Certification has been obtained from an independent testing laboratory as defined in sub. (1) (b) 2., and said certification and test report states that the equipment has been tested in accordance with the provisions of s. NR 6.08. The certification shall be accompanied by a full and complete test report setting forth the specifications and the general conditions under which the test was conducted.

(3) Upon receipt of a copy of an acceptable certification under sub. (2) (b), the department shall by letter notify the applicant that the snowmobile has been approved and that it may legally be manufactured, imported, offered for sale and sold in the state of Wisconsin.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.

**NR 6.06 Modification.** No manufacturer shall modify a snowmobile on which approval has been issued so as to change its conformance with the requirements of s. 350.09, Stats., without resubmission of the modified snowmobile for approval in the same manner as required for the original snowmobile.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.

**NR 6.07 Inspection.** The department may, in order to insure compliance with the requirements contained in s. 350.09, Stats., and s. NR 6.08 inspect during normal business hours any snowmobile manufacturing plants and any snowmobile being offered for sale in the state of Wisconsin by commercial dealers.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77.

**NR 6.08 Testing criteria.** Testing criteria are as follows:

(1) **SOUND LEVEL LIMIT.** (a) The total vehicle noise produced by every snowmobile manufactured after July 1, 1972 and offered for sale or sold

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in the state of Wisconsin shall not exceed 82 dB on an A weighted network at 50 feet when measured in accordance with the procedures required herein.

(b) The total vehicle noise produced by every snowmobile manufactured after July 1, 1975 and offered for sale or sold in the state of Wisconsin shall not exceed 78 dB on an A weighted network at 50 feet when measured in accordance with the procedures required herein.

(c) The sound level requirements and testing criteria of the Society of Automotive Engineers Technical Report J192a, as amended 1975, shall be adhered to in certifying compliance with snowmobile sound level requirements.

(2) **HEADLAMP REQUIREMENTS.** After February 12, 1970 the headlamp(s) on a snowmobile may be of the single beam or multi-beam type; in either case, the headlamp requirements and testing criteria of the Society of Automotive Engineers Technical Report J280, as amended 1973, shall be adhered to.

(3) **TAIL LAMP REQUIREMENTS.** After February 12, 1970 the tail lamp(s) on a snowmobile shall adhere to the tail lamp requirements and testing criteria of the Society of Automotive Engineers Technical Report J279, as amended 1972.

(4) Copies and amendments of the 1975 Society of Automotive Engineers Technical Report J192a, entitled "Exterior Sound Levels for Snowmobiles"; 1973 Society of Automotive Engineers Technical Report J280, entitled "Snowmobile Headlamps"; and 1972 Society of Automotive Engineers Technical Report J279, entitled "Snowmobile Tail Lamps", are available for inspection in the following offices:

(a) The Department of Natural Resources, 101 S. Webster St., Madison, Wisconsin.

(b) The Office of the Secretary of State, 30 W. Mifflin St., Madison, Wisconsin;

(c) The Revisor of Statutes Bureau, 30 W. Mifflin St. Madison, Wisconsin. Copies may also be obtained from the Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, Pennsylvania 15096.

(5) Copies of the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee, Inc. minimum safety standards for snowmobile product manufacture, entitled "Safety Standards for Snowmobile Product Certification" October 15, 1974, are available for inspection in the following offices:

(a) The Department of Natural Resources, 101 S. Webster St., Madison, Wisconsin;

(b) The Office of the Secretary of State, 30 W. Mifflin St., Madison, Wisconsin;

(c) The Revisor of Statutes Bureau, 30 W. Mifflin St., Madison, Wisconsin. Copies may also be obtained from the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee, Inc., Suite 850 South, 1800 M Street, NW, Washington, D. C. 20036.

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**NR 6.09 Races and derbies.** The sponsor conducting a sanctioned race or derby when on the frozen surfaces of public waters shall:

(1) Make provisions to keep spectators from within 100 feet of a race or derby.

(2) Give prior notice of the race or derby to the local conservation warden or law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

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