

Classification of Mobility Scooter as Medical Device

Dear Business Operator,

1. Personal mobility aids (PMAs) comprising wheelchairs (manual and motorised) and mobility scooters, are meant to be used by individuals who have walking difficulties, and should not be used by able-bodied individuals.
2. Under the new rules on PMAs, LTA will mandate the registration of mobility scooters¹ and its equivalents² sold from 1 June 2026. Mobility scooters fall within the classification of medical devices under the Health Products Act, as they are intended to assist individuals with walking difficulties.
3. Taken together, business operators dealing in mobility scooters will need to comply with the following rules:

a. **Medical device licensing requirements by business type.**

- i. Importers, manufacturers and/or wholesalers of mobility scooters will require a medical device dealer licence from the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) based on their specific business activities. The types of dealer licences available are importer, manufacturer and wholesaler licence respectively. The importer or manufacturer must also ensure the mobility scooter model is listed on the Class A Medical Device Database.
- ii. Retailers that solely conduct retail sale of mobility scooters do not require a medical device dealer licence from HSA. However, retailers must ensure they source their mobility scooters from HSA-licensed medical device dealers that have listed the mobility scooter model on the Class A Medical Device Database

b. **[From 1 June 2026] LTA's registration and whitelisting requirements for retailer.** To register and sell a mobility scooter, the retailer³ must ensure the following:

¹ From 1 Jun 2026, a mobility scooter would be defined as follows: (i) Has 3 or more wheels and a **single** footboard supported by the wheels, (ii) Is steered by handlebars (**including a delta tiller**);(iii) Has a **single** seat **behind the footboard**; (iv) Is designed to carry an individual who is unable to walk or has difficulty in walking; and (v) Propelled by a motor that forms part of the vehicle.

An active mobility device which meets the form of a mobility scooter will be considered a mobility scooter, and is subject to PMA and mobility scooter regulations. If the device does not meet the form of a mobility scooter, it will be considered a motorised PMD, which is subject to motorised PMD/ e-scooter regulations.

² This includes manual wheelchairs with detachable motorised attachments steered by handlebars.

³ Refers to sale to end user. If you are a wholesaler (i.e., only sell to other businesses and not to end users), the whitelisting and registration requirements do not apply to you. However, if you directly supply the mobility scooter to the end user, the whitelisting and registration requirements will apply to you, so that you can transfer device ownership to the end user.

- i. The mobility scooter model must be listed in HSA's [Class A Medical Device Database](#)
- ii. To whitelist the mobility scooter model with LTA
- iii. To whitelist your company to sell that particular whitelisted mobility scooter model

Please refer to **Annex A** for the process flow for dealing in mobility scooters.

4. As part of the new regulations for mobility scooters, please note that mobility scooters not registered with LTA cannot be sold, displayed and advertised from 1 June 2026. Unregistered mobility scooters found to be available for sale at retailer premises will be impounded by LTA.
5. For more details on the classification of mobility scooters as medical device, please refer to the **Annex B** for a list of Frequently Asked Questions.
6. Should you have further enquiries, you may contact us at: LTA_PMA_Feedback@lta.gov.sg for whitelisting/ registration matters, or HSA_MD_Info@hsa.gov.sg for medical device licensing/ database matters.

PROCESS FLOW FOR WHITELISTING AND REGISTRATION OF MOBILITY SCOOTERS

Please refer to the process flow relevant to your nature of business.

If you are an **Importer/ Local Manufacturer of a specific mobility scooter model**

(1) Obtain medical device dealer licence(s)

- Skip this step if you already have the relevant licence(s)

[For wholesalers]

- If you will be wholesaling the devices thereafter, a wholesaler licence is also needed



(2) List device on Class A MD database

- Skip this step if you have entered the listing for the specific model into the database before



(3) Import mobility scooter

If you are a **Retailer*** of a specific mobility scooter model

(1) Check that your mobility scooter model has been listed in the HSA Class A database by the importer/ manufacturer



(2) Apply to LTA to whitelist (i) the mobility scooter model, and (ii) your company as seller of the specific model

- Skip this step if your company is already whitelisted as seller of the specific model



(3) Register the mobility scooter under your company

- From 1 June 2026, it will be an offence to sell an unregistered mobility scooter
- Each unit of the whitelisted model in your stock must be registered



(4) You may now sell the registered mobility scooters

- Before selling the device, you are required to check that your customer possesses a certificate of medical need or is exempted from it
- Ensure that you transfer the ownership registration at the point of transaction. The customer must accept the ownership transfer within 5 days for the transfer to take effect

*Please see exceptional arrangements as follows:

- If you are selling on behalf of another retailer and do not hold on to the stock, there is no need for registration of the mobility scooters (Step 3) as the retailer would have registered them and can transfer device ownership to the end user. However, you must be whitelisted, as per Step (2)
- If you directly supply the mobility scooter to the end user, the whitelisting and registration requirements (Steps 2 and 3) will apply to you, so that you can transfer device ownership to the end user.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is a Class A medical device?

A medical device is any instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, appliance, implant, or other similar article intended for use in the diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment or alleviation of disease or injury. Medical devices are regulated by the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) to ensure their safety and effectiveness. The definition of “medical device” can be found in the First Schedule of the Health Products Act (HPA).

Under the regulatory framework, medical devices are classified into four risk classes – class A to D with class A being the lowest risk class and Class D being the highest risk.

2. What is the risk classification of mobility scooters?

Mobility scooters are Class A medical devices as they are intended for use by individuals with walking difficulties. Class A medical devices do not require product registration with HSA, however, dealers (importers, manufacturers and wholesalers) are still required to be licensed by HSA. Dealers (importer and local manufacturer) are also required to submit a declaration of their list of Class A medical devices under their respective importer’s and manufacturer’s licences, prior to import and supply in Singapore.

3. Are there additional submissions to HSA to be made for importing mobility scooters?

If you already have a medical device importer’s licence, you will need to submit a declaration listing your mobility scooters in the Class A Medical Device Database prior to import and supply in Singapore.

Thereafter, you may proceed with importing the mobility scooters as a regular import.

4. What should I do with my existing stock of mobility scooters which have not been listed in the Class A medical device database?

From 1 June 2026, all retailers selling mobility scooters must ensure that devices in their inventory have been registered with LTA. For the mobility scooter to be registered, the model must be listed in HSA’s Class A Medical Device database by the importer or local manufacturer. If the mobility scooter is not listed in the Class A database or registered with LTA, the device cannot be sold. Retailers are to check with the importer or local manufacturer to have the device listed on HSA’s database.

Retailers may take the necessary steps in the meantime to ensure that their existing stock of mobility scooters have met the new regulatory requirements, ahead of the commencement of these regulations on 1 June 2026.

Dealers (importers, manufacturers and wholesalers) of mobility scooters must obtain a medical device dealer licence from HSA. In addition, importers and/or manufacturers must ensure that their mobility scooters are listed on the Class A database. Wholesalers must

source from licensed importers and/or manufacturers who have listed their mobility scooters on the Class A database.

5. Do I need a medical device dealer licence in order to list a mobility scooter in the Class A medical device database?

Yes, you must have either a medical device importer's licence or manufacturer's licence to list a mobility scooter in the Class A medical device database.

6. If a specific mobility scooter model is already listed in the Class A medical device database by one importer, can other importers rely on that entry to import the same model too?

No, each importer and local manufacturer has to declare their list of Class A medical devices individually. Devices listed in the Class A medical device database are tagged to importer/ local manufacturer. This means that even if Importer A sees that a particular mobility scooter model X is already listed by Importer B, Importer A will still have to list mobility scooter model X under their dealer's licence if they also want to import the same model.

7. How do I obtain a medical device importer's licence? How long does the process take?

You may apply for a medical device dealer licence via the [Singapore Health Product Access and Regulatory E-system \(SHARE\)](#). Generally, the prerequisite for licence application would be a declaration of conformity to a quality management system for companies dealing solely in Class A medical devices. The initial licence fee is \$1,110 with annual renewal fees applicable thereafter. The turnaround time for processing of an importer's licence is around 10 working days.

For detailed licensing guidance, please refer to GN-02 Guidance on Licensing for Manufacturers, Importers and Wholesalers of Medical Devices available at: <http://www.hsa.gov.sg/medical-devices/guidance-documents>. For more information on fees and processing time, visit: <http://www.hsa.gov.sg/medical-devices/fees>.

8. How do I list a device on the Class A medical device database?

You may submit your list of Class A medical devices that you manufacture or import by submitting a product notification application via [SHARE](#).

You may visit <https://www.hsa.gov.sg/medical-devices/e-services> for more details.

Importers and local manufacturers are advised to list the devices clearly and accurately in the database, to facilitate the subsequent whitelisting and registration of devices with LTA.

9. If I bought a batch of mobility scooters from a local wholesaler, do I still need to list the device in the Class A medical database before registration with LTA?

You do not need to list the mobility scooter models which you bought from a local wholesaler. However, you must ensure that the wholesaler which you purchased the mobility scooters from is a licensed medical device dealer and the model is already listed in the Class A medical device database.

10. Is it an offence to import and supply a mobility scooter that is not listed on HSA's database?

As mobility scooters are regulated as medical devices, it is an offence to import or supply a mobility scooter that is not listed on HSA's Class A database, regardless of whether the mobility scooter is sold through physical stores or online platforms. Sellers should ensure that mobility scooters are sourced from licensed local medical device dealers and are listed on HSA's Class A database.

Any person who imports or wholesales medical devices without a valid medical device dealer licence or not in accordance with licence conditions may be guilty of an offence under the Health Products Act and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

11. What should retailers do if their existing stock of mobility scooters do not pass the requirements to be whitelisted by LTA?

Mobility scooters that do not meet LTA's requirements to be whitelisted (e.g., listed on HSA's Class A database, 6km/h device speed limit, dimension limits) cannot be sold as mobility scooters from 1 Jun 2026. Under the Active Mobility Act, individuals caught selling unregistered mobility scooters or non-compliant devices shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 24 months or to both.

12. What are the submission requirements for whitelisting and registration by the retailer, and how long does the process take?

LTA is working out the details for the whitelisting and registration process and will provide more details when ready.

13. How much is the cost of registration?

LTA is still determining the cost of registration. We will share more details when ready.

14. How will the transfer of ownership from the whitelisted retailer to the new owner be conducted?

The new owner can accept the ownership transfer from the whitelisted retailer in two ways: via Singpass on One Motoring, or through a manual route if Singpass is unavailable. We will provide more details when ready.