



## **Royal Dutch Gazelle self-commitment for the prevention of tampering of e-bikes under the aegis of CONEBI**

Royal Dutch Gazelle as a signatory of the CONEBI self-commitment for the prevention of tampering speaks out against any kind of manipulation of e-bikes and e-bike drive systems, e.g. to increase the performance or the maximum supported speed. Riding manipulated e-bikes on public roads may not only lead to technical problems but also result in serious legal consequences. Tampering kits and other types of manipulation can damage the drive system as well as the bike itself. Riders risk losing their guarantee and invalidating their warranty claims. If an accident occurs with a tampered e-bike, it may result in high liability costs as well as criminal prosecution.

To confirm this statement the following measures are being taken:

- Royal Dutch Gazelle, represented by CONEBI, ensures that all anti-tampering requirements, which are included in EN 15194:2017, are met.
- Royal Dutch Gazelle continuously evaluates the existing standards to see if they are still fit for purpose when it comes to anti-tampering measures.
- The industry is continuously working on improving e-bike drive systems to make tampering more difficult.
- In all publications and at public events on this topic by the industry and CONEBI, Royal Dutch Gazelle speaks out against tampering of e-bikes and point out the legal consequences.
- Pro-active measures, such as trainings, documentations, workshops, campaigns, etc., are being taken by Royal Dutch Gazelle to raise awareness of the risks and dangers of tampering for all involved. This applies, for example, to dealers and end users.
- Royal Dutch Gazelle will actively encourage everyone in the product supply chain to also inform others of the legal consequences of tampering.
- CONEBI, its members and associated companies including Royal Dutch Gazelle provide dealers and end users with information on the mandatory markings of S-EPACs (up to 45 km/h) e.g. concerning national insurance number, registration plate, manufacturer identification, statutory plate, etc. as well as those markings required for EPACs e.g. CE marking.
- CONEBI, its members and associated companies including Royal Dutch Gazelle support market surveillance authorities and the police in identifying tampered e-bikes and are available to cooperate with governments and local law enforcement.



- With regard to the tampering of e-bikes, CONEBI cooperates with its members, industry representatives including Royal Dutch Gazelle, dealer associations, consumer organizations, police, accident research institutions, experts, testing institutes and specialist media to speak out against the tampering of e-bikes and support other stakeholders in preventing tampering.

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## **ANNEX**

### **Violating this self-commitment**

A company is found violating this self-commitment if it facilitates or offers services/products that enable the tampering of e-bikes. The consequences of violating this self-commitment include:

- Loss of positive image in the Bicycle Industry.
- An immediate business partner will speak with the company that is found not adhering to the self-commitment to warn them about the consequences for their own company as well as for their customers and partners.
- A company found violating this self-commitment will be removed from the list of signatories.

### **Monitoring of this self-commitment**

The CONEBI secretariat will monitor this self-commitment annually to verify what steps have been taken to fulfill the tasks stated in the paper, for example the technical progress to make tampering more difficult, the number of publications speaking out against tampering as well as the number of events where this topic was brought up.

Moreover, the CONEBI Secretariat will monitor the signatories by cooperating with respective national initiatives and report on the number of signatories.