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Amendment to legislation

LIABILITY FOR THE VEHICLE CAN BE REMOVED ONLY BY THE CERTIFICATE OF DESTRUCTION

Starting from the beginning of November, passenger cars and vans can be deleted from the register only by the certification of destruction. The certificate of destruction assures that all owners' liabilities for the vehicle will be ended. The certificate of destruction is only issued at an official take-back point of Finnish Car Recycling Ltd. The new legislation increasingly guides end-of-life vehicles to official take-back points, through which they are recycled in an environmentally-friendly way in accordance with the law.

There are 199 official take-back points of scrap vehicles and the network covers the whole country of Finland. The contact information of all take-back points can be found on the web site of Finnish Car Recycling Ltd: www.suomenautokierratys.fi.

Annually over 100 000 vehicles are scrapped in Finland. A significant share of these vehicles has been recycled outside of the official take-back system. Mr. Pekka Puputti, the Managing Director of Finnish Car Recycling Ltd, is surprised by the situation, as he considers that the Finnish people are generally law-abiding. "However, for some reason the last owner of a vehicle usually leaves the car to be scrapped by an actor that does not issue a certificate of destruction" says Puputti. He emphasizes that if the vehicle is not recycled properly, liability for the vehicle stays with the last owner who may get unexpected economic sanctions as a result. According to the law, the liability of the last owner is to deliver the car to be recycled through an official recycling system approved by the legislator.

Recycling helps in preventing climate change

Delivering a car to an official take-back point is an act for the environment. The aim of the legislator is to assure that cars will be recycled in an environmentally-friendly way by putting the last owner under obligation to deliver a car to an official take-back point.

The efficient recycling system organized by Finnish Car Recycling Ltd will, for its part, slow down climate change, as large amounts of recycling material can be recovered from cars for efficient use. Significant energy savings can be achieved by using recycled material instead of raw material in product manufacturing. This will also reduce carbon dioxide emissions. For example, energy saving is 95 per cent for aluminum and 74 per cent for iron.

Finnish Car Recycling Ltd provides advice in issues relating to car recycling

Finnish Car Recycling Ltd aims at continuously providing information about the rights and liabilities of the last owner of a car so that car recycling would meet the strict requirements of the law. More information about car recycling and contact information of the nearest take-back point can be obtained by calling the toll-free telephone number 0800 05044 of Finnish Car Recycling Ltd.

Additional information

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The Finnish Car Recycling Ltd is a producer group which coordinates the take-back, treatment and recycling of scrap vehicles according to the requirements of the EU ELV Directive. The Finnish Car Recycling Ltd is owned by the Association of Automobile Importers in Finland.