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FINNISH CAR RECYCLING TO BE AN OFFICIAL PRODUCER GROUP

The automotive sector has committed itself to sustained responsibility

The Pirkanmaa Regional Environment Centre has accepted Finnish Car Recycling Ltd. as a producer group on 10 June 2005. Finnish Car Recycling fulfils the obligations associated with the importers' producer liability by maintaining the car recycling system and informing the consumers about legal recycling.

Recycling of end-of-life vehicles, based on the producer's liability, started in Finland on 1 September 2004. Finnish Car Recycling is a company established by importers of new cars and owned by The Association of Automobile Importers in Finland. The association has concluded an agreement on fulfilling the recycling obligations with all its members that import passenger cars and vans. The member companies of The Association of Automobile Importers in Finland import 99 % of new passenger cars and vans.

Finnish Car Recycling is open for all vehicle producers mentioned in the Waste Act. This means that the importers of used cars can also make a co-operation agreement with Finnish Car Recycling if they wish, and transfer the vehicle producer liabilities to the producer group.

The certificate of destruction only from an authorized take-back point

The obligation of the last owner of a car is to take the car to an authorized take-back point within the producer liability system for scrapping. There the end-of-life vehicle is taken back at no cost. At take-back points authorized by Finnish Car Recycling the deliverer of the car is given a certificate of destruction, at which time the car owner's responsibilities cease. Finnish Car Recycling has a nationwide network of take-back points, which can be found at www.autokierratys.fi.

At authorized take-back points the vehicle is scrapped in environment-friendly way

About 100,000 vehicles are scrapped in Finland each year. For the time being only about ten percent of the end-of-life vehicles that arrive at the shredder plants go through the take-back and pre-treatment points belonging to the producer liability system. By giving information and expanding the network, Finnish Car Recycling aims at increasing the number of end-of-life vehicles that end up at the authorized take-back points.

Finnish Car Recycling has a 10-year recycling contract with Stena Metalliyhtymä, which handles the recycling operator obligations of the end-of-life vehicles, from taking back the cars to utilization of the materials. The contract between Finnish Car Recycling and Stena is based on a so-called zero-cost solution, which means that there is no need to add a recycling fee to the price of new cars.

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