



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW COMPLIANCE SCHEME FOR END OF LIFE VEHICLES (ELVES) LAUNCHED BY MINISTER DENIS NAUGHTEN WILL DRIVE REUSE AND RECYCLING**

ELV Environmental Services (ELVES) is an Irish compliance scheme that has been set up by vehicle manufacturers to improve the recycling of scrap vehicles and to help encourage compliance with the End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) Regulations.

The ELV Regulations oblige owners of vehicles that are no longer roadworthy, such as passenger cars and small vans, to use a permitted scrapyards and have their vehicle recycled. ELVES aims to generate awareness of its national network of permitted scrapyards, officially known as Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATFs). These ATFs will provide a FREE drop off service to the public for scrap vehicles. Similar to recycling at a bring bank or civic amenity site, ATFs will enable people to easily hand over their vehicles for recycling and recovery.

When a consumer or a garage scraps a vehicle at an ATF, they should ask for a receipt of the transaction, called a Certificate of Destruction (CoD), from that facility to show that they have handed over their vehicle to be recycled and recovered. The CoD will confirm that the vehicle has been accepted as an ELV and this then ends the final owner's responsibility for it. The ATF will look after the requirements of the process. This will include recycling of fuel and other fluids, dismantling and reuse of component parts, and the recycling of metal and materials. People can visit [www.elves.ie](http://www.elves.ie) to find out about ATFs in their locality.

Around 90,000 vehicles are scrapped annually in Ireland. ELVES' aim is to improve the reuse of parts and recycling of ELVs in order to help Ireland meet national targets. In 2014, Ireland reused, recycled and recovered 91% of its ELVs. ELVES' aim is to increase this rate to 95%. From 2015, 95% of the vehicle must be reused, recycled or recovered, with a minimum of 85% from reuse (components) or recycling.

ELVES is establishing a nationwide network of ATFs around Ireland. This network has a good geographical spread with nearly 40 ATFs currently within the scheme. The network is still growing with ELVES regularly recruiting new ATFs to the network.

According to Fiacra Quinn of ELVES, *"ELVES is committed to raising public awareness of why, where and how to scrap a vehicle. We want consumers to check the ELVES website for a list of authorised treatment facilities (ATFs), which are permitted scrapyards, and to make sure that they are informed about getting a Certificate of Destruction (CoD). This ends their relationship with the vehicle. We are currently building a nationwide network of ATFs, which will enable the public to easily find a scrapyard near them. Our funding comes from vehicle manufacturers, who are members of ELVES, and they have shown commitment to achieving national targets in a collective manner. Promoting reuse of parts and recycling is key to this."*

Minister Denis Naughten who was on hand to launch the ELVES scheme, added, *"Most people are conscious of their own environmental responsibilities and want to recycle and reuse as much as*



*possible. Knowing which steps to take is key to that. The ELVES scheme will give people that information and make it much easier for them access the all-important details on how to dispose of their end of life vehicles quickly and easily. It is to be commended that the motor industry has come together with the ELVES scheme to address those issues.”*

For further information and to find an ATF in your area, visit the ELVES website [www.elves.ie](http://www.elves.ie)

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**About ELVES [www.elves.ie](http://www.elves.ie)**

ELVES' mission is to improve the processing of End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs) in Ireland.

ELV Environmental Services CLG was established in 2014 representing all Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and has been approved under the European Union (End-of-Life Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 be the new compliance scheme for the vehicle sector.

ELVES will promote, on behalf of its members, a network of public drop off points (also known as authorised treatment facilities, ATFs or permitted scrapyards) that provide free ELV take back to the public.

Through effective promotion, monitoring and data collection across its network, ELVES will enable its members - vehicle manufacturers, importers and authorised treatment facilities – to meet their responsibilities under the Regulations for the sector.

**The Society of the Irish Motor Industry [www.simi.ie](http://www.simi.ie)**

The SIMI (Society of the Irish Motor Industry) is the official voice of the motor industry in Ireland. We are a member's organisation which consists of Dealers, Repairers, Vehicle Distributors, Wholesalers, Retailers, Vehicle Testers and many more important operators within the industry in Ireland. Our role is to represent the views of the motor industry by campaigning to the Government, state bodies, the media and the motoring public.