



Office for Product
Safety & Standards

THE END-OF-LIFE VEHICLE REGULATIONS 2003

Parts III and VI



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Introduction

What is covered?

The regulations cover cars (with up to 9 seats) and small vans (of up to 3.5 tonnes), including components made for them.

The End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) Regulations 2003 protect the environment by restricting the use of hazardous materials and introducing measures to promote recycling.



Who is responsible for compliance?

The producer – the manufacturer or importer – placing the vehicle or component on the UK market is responsible for compliance.
(Private individuals importing vehicles are not liable).



The Office for Product Safety and Standards is responsible for enforcing parts III and IV of the ELV Regulations 2003.

How do I comply?

Restriction on heavy metals

A person who puts on the market materials and components of vehicles must ensure that they do not contain cadmium, lead, mercury or hexavalent chromium. The exception to this is when these metals are used in the applications, and within the concentrations, set down in Annex II to the ELV Directive (2000/53/EC)¹.

Marking requirements

To promote their recovery, reuse and recyclability, certain plastic and rubber parts (excluding tyres) must be marked in accordance with the regulations.



Technical documentation demonstrating compliance with the heavy metals restrictions and marking standards for plastic and rubber parts must be retained for at least four years.

¹ (As last amended by Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2020/362; no further amendments will be applied to this Annex after 31/12/2020).

Dismantling and information requirements

A producer must provide dismantling information within six months of putting a new type of vehicle on the market.



The method for providing dismantling information is not defined within the ELV Regulations 2003. A producer should discharge their responsibilities in this instance by providing manuals and/ or by means of electronic media, e.g. uploading the required data to the International Dismantling Information System (IDIS).

Vehicle design information, in the context of recoverability and recyclability, must be published by a producer and be made available to prospective buyers.



Further information can be found at:

www.gov.uk/guidance/elv

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