

ISRI Position on the Appropriate Regulation, Registration, Permitting, or Licensing of Sellers of Vehicles for Scrap or Parts Only¹

Overview

Scrap metal processors annually purchase millions of vehicles for recycling purposes. While often these are purchased in a mechanically crushed or flattened condition, many vehicles are purchased in whole form. Scrap metal processors buy these whole vehicles in accordance with the applicable state and federal laws, including reporting the seller's name and the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS). Many jurisdictions have additional reporting and record keeping requirements. Those whole vehicle sellers that are in the business of removing parts or scrap metals from these cars for re-selling the parts or metals are typically regulated as dismantlers or scrap metal processors.

It is the position of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. (ISRI) that the industry supports reporting of whole vehicles sold for scrap or for parts in accordance with state and federal laws, and opposes overreaching or duplicative regulations, registrations, permitting, or licensing requirements placed on the sellers of whole vehicles that are sold only for scrap or for parts, if the vehicles are sold to properly licensed, registered, or permitted (as regulated or required by state law) scrap metal processors or automotive dismantlers.

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