

Position on the treatment of ELTs from End of Life Vehicles

In most European countries, tyre manufacturers have created non-profit ELT (end of life tyre) management companies managing the collection, sorting and recovery of tyres sold to end consumers.

These companies operate under the producer responsibility model required by national law; they generally charge the collection and recovery fees to the consumers when they buy a new tyre. Through efficiency measures, a rigorous selection process of the ELT operators and the promotion of new recovery routes and ecological standards through selective R&D programmes, they make sure that the supply of ELT derived products is environmentally friendly, reliable and charged at minimum cost.

This model is being progressively extended to most European countries (currently 14 companies operating). Tyre manufacturers fulfil their statutory obligations through those ELT management companies. Within Europe, the annual recovery rate is at a steady 95% level.

Vehicle manufacturers have their own recycling obligations covering the whole vehicle, set within the European ELV (End of life Vehicle) directive. The management of those ELTs from ELVs may be provided by ELT management companies as a service to other entities (e.g., vehicle manufacturers) if permitted by the legislative framework and statutes.

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