



## **Vehicle Refinishers: Who Does What? \***

### **Vehicle Refinishers are responsible for:**

- Undertaking compliant AIC audits and registering on-time;
- Maintaining compliant operations on an ongoing basis;
- Reporting instances of non-compliances to authorities including non-compliant product offered for sale;
- Encouraging all players in their sector to comply;
- Providing information to Authorities on non-compliers.

### **Accredited Inspection Contractors are responsible for:**

- Maintaining accreditation and offering inspection services in a professional, impartial and fair manner;
- Reporting Vehicle Refinishers who refuse to undertake audits or to register to the Authorities;
- Providing feedback on the scheme and how it is operating.

### **Suppliers are responsible for:**

- Supplying only compliant product to the sector;
- Encouraging all operators supplied to undertake audit and registration on-time;
- Considering cessation of product supply to those not registered - based on end-customer service quality and supplier reputation risks;
- Providing information to the Authorities on non-compliers.

### **Insurance companies are responsible for:**

- Engaging the services only of Vehicle Refinishers who are registered – based on reputation risks to themselves.

### **Local authorities are responsible for:**

- Registration of all Vehicle Refinishers within their functional areas;
- Pursuing non-registered Vehicle Refinishers systematically;
- Engaging with the OEE/EEN Solvents Group;
- Undertaking inspections and legal action as required.



**EPA is responsible for:**

- Engaging with all players to assure the success of the AIC scheme;
- Publishing guidance for review and agreement;
- Developing capacity in local authorities for registration and enforcement (OEE/EEN Solvents Group);
- Encouraging local authorities to pursue non-compliers;
- Undertaking inspections and legal action only where necessary to support local authorities and the scheme;
- Leading the enforcement of the Compliant Product aspects of the Regulations.

**Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government are responsible for:**

- Oversight of Regulations and the scheme;
- Providing necessary resources to enable Local Authorities to fulfil their roles;
- Introducing amendments to Regulations if necessary;
- Issuing authorisation for the placement on the market of non-compliant products for restorative purposes;
- Reporting to the EU Commission on compliance with the Directive.

**\*Based on SI 199 of 2007, this is a non-exhaustive list of roles but is indicative of the multi-stakeholder nature of the AIC Scheme. If each player fulfils their role to the full, then this enables others to fulfil theirs in turn and *vice versa*.**