

National Waste Prevention Programme



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AIC Scheme – How it works



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AIC Scheme – Areas Covered

- 1. Basics & Benefits**
- 2. “Must Dos”**
- 3. Enforcement**

AIC Scheme – Basics & Benefits

In order to attain compliance - You Must

Get an Accredited Inspection Contractor (AIC) to review your operation and produce a report on the level of compliance of your operation with the Regulations. This report must state that your operation is in compliance with the Regulations.

You must provide your compliant AIC Report to your Local Authority to obtain your Certificate of Approval

AIC Scheme - Basics & Benefits

Remember –

There is ***NO Threshold Usage***

**All Vehicle Refinishing activity is covered by
the Regulations**

AIC Scheme – Other legislation

Remember –

If you carry out Original Coating of Vehicles away from the original manufacturing facilities you may also come within the scope of the Solvents Regulations (S.I. 543 of 2002)

AIC Scheme - Basics & Benefits

- **AIC is internationally recognised as competent (ISO 17020)**
 - Standard monitored by Irish National Accreditation Board (independent Irish accreditation body)
 - Recognised expert both for VR Best Practice and your requirements under the Regulations
 - AIC Report is legally recognised

AIC Scheme - Basics & Benefits

- **AIC will inspect & report accurately, consistently and objectively – quality of service assured**
- **Maintains level playing field – competitors operating under same system**

AIC Scheme - Basics & Benefits

- **Regulators Confidence – VR operational impact on environment minimised.**
- **Least cost compliance method incorporating “Polluter Pays” principle**
- **There is competition among AICs – currently 3 AICs to choose from**

AIC Scheme – Basics & Benefits

- List of AICs can be found at:

www.inab.ie/schemes/aib/aic/directory.html

AIC Scheme – What you must do

- **Contact your AIC well in advance – maybe group together to ease costs – at tactic which could possibly used to obtain quotations for the collection of your hazardous waste**
- **Don't wait until AIC arrives to find out/adopt the basic requirements**
- **AIC may request some documentation prior to inspection**

AIC Scheme – What you must do

Obtain your Certificate of Approval before 1 March 2008!

- ***It is an offence to operate a Vehicle Refinishing Installation without a Certificate of Approval after 1 March 2008.***

AIC Scheme – What you must do

- **Obtain your Certificate of Approval by -**
- **On receipt of a compliant AIC Report – Register with your Local Authority by**
 - **Sending them:**
 - Compliant AIC Report
 - Completed Registration Application Form (see Fourth Schedule of Regulations)
 - €50 registration fee

More than one AIC inspection may be required depending on the AIC's findings during the previous tour(s).

Local Authority will issue a Certificate of Approval within 21 days of receipt of required documentation (provided there are no queries).

AIC Scheme – What you must do

Incorporate any recommendation outlined in AIC Report within the specified time-frames!

Certificate of Approval issued on condition that these recommendations are implemented within given time-frames

- *Local Authorities can and will check if these recommendations are implemented within the given time-frames.*

AIC Scheme – What you must do

Renew your Certificate of Approval every 2 years by providing your Local Authority with -

Relevant documentation – **New Complaint** AIC Report, completed Renewal Application Form & €50 registration fee - at least 28 days before the expiry date of the current Certificate of Approval

Also, if you are an existing VR on 1 March 2008, your first Certificate of Approval will expire on 28 February 2010 – no advantage in delaying registration!

AIC Scheme – What you must do

■ Also:-

- If you receive any unauthorised non-compliant product – notify the EPA immediately and act as directed
- If you are aware of any breach of the Regulations – notify your local authority immediately and restore compliance in the shortest possible time
- If you are aware of any breach of the Regulations which is likely to endanger human health or the environment – cease such operations and immediately notify your local authority

AIC Scheme – What you must do

- **Summary:**
- Obtain a Certificate of Approval before 1 March 2008
- Incorporate any recommendations in your AIC report within the specified time-frames
- Renew your Certificate of Approval every 2 years.
- Notify the EPA immediately if you receive any unauthorised non-compliant product(s) and act as directed
- Notify Your Local Authority immediately if you are aware of any breaches of the Regulations and ensure compliance in the shortest possible time
- Immediately cease any operation which is likely to pose a danger to human health or the environment and notify your local authority

Enforcement - Responsibilities

- **Local Authorities are the *Competent Bodies***
 - Carry out general enforcement
- **Environmental Protection Agency is the *Competent Authority***
 - Monitor/Supervise enforcement

Enforcement - General Activities

- ***EPA will closely monitor the situation and support Local Authority actions***
- ***Local Authorities will be main bodies taking legal actions in the functional areas***
- ***Either body can take legal action***
- ***EEN/OEE will co-ordinate enforcement nationally - Air/Solvents Group set up to provide enforcement procedures***

Enforcement – Product Aspects

- EPA are commissioning a contractor to –
 - Generate a database of operators throughout the supply chain
 - Carry out product inspections at VR, Manufacturers and Distributors premises
 - Generate monthly reports on compliance levels

Enforcement – Support Activities

- Commissioned draft Best Practice Guidelines for Vehicle Refinishing Installations for Repair
- Updating database of Vehicle Refinishers - VRs throughout Ireland will be contacted directly concerning requirements
- Sent invitations for this event to 800+ addresses, took out quarter page notices in three national newspapers for three days and advertised in “Bodyshop”. Dr. Byrne written article concerning enforcement issues.
- EPA urging insurance companies should not commission work by unregistered operators

Enforcement – Support Activities

- Manufacturers/distributors should not supply unregistered operators
- Public authorities should not deal with unregistered operators
- Authorities will follow up complaints
- Urging public to only use registered operators
- Dedicated Decorative Paints Webpage

<http://www.epa.ie/whatwedo/advice/air/decopaintsdirective/>

and e-mail address – Deco-paints@epa.ie

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Thank you for your attention!



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