

# 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](http://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-fames.*

# 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](mailto:Deco-paints@epa.ie)

# AIC Scheme – How it works

***Thank you for your attention!***