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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

## NOTICE to MEMBERS

### Oral Question no. 12/6/2007 by Mr Chris Davies

Pursuant to Rule 187 of the Rules of Procedure, please find below an oral question to the Commission.

**Subject: State of implementation of the End-of Life Vehicles Directive**

Directive 2000/53/EC on end-of life vehicles (ELVs) was to be implemented by 21 April 2002 (Article 10(1)).

Recent evidence<sup>[1]</sup> made available to Members of the Environment Committee points to several shortcomings in the implementation of the ELV Directive, e.g.:

- the variable quality of statistics on car scrapping across Europe
- the export of second-hand cars before they reach their end of life
- scrapping by unlicensed operators; this implies that disposal occurs in environmentally-damaging ways
- abandoning and 'garaging' of ELVs
- late implementation and implementation measures not fully reflecting the scope of the ELV Directive
- increases in the cost of car disposal
- the complexity of administrative arrangements
- shortcomings relating to the practical arrangements for free take-back, including density of the disposal network and financing
- difficulties in meeting the 85 per cent target for 'reuse and recovery', and the 80 per cent target for 'reuse and recycling' by 1 January 2006, pursuant to Article 7(2)(a) of the ELV Directive <sup>[2]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup> Overall conclusions of IEEP study "End of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive: an assessment of the current state of implementation by Member States" which was commissioned by the EP and can be accessed via [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/comparl/envi/externalexpertise/environment\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/comparl/envi/externalexpertise/environment_en.htm)

<sup>[2]</sup> Note: As foreseen by the second sub-paragraph of Article 7(2) of the ELV Directive, the Commission submitted (in January 2007) a report on the targets referred to in Article 7(2)(b) which are to apply to 'reuse  
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- difficulties in recycling glass, plastics and other materials

How do Member States prove that targets for reuse, recycling and recovery are met?  
What kind of methodology do Member States use to generate and collate such data?

Could the Commission comment on these shortcomings?

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and recovery' as well as to 'reuse and recycling' as from 1 January 2015 (documents COM(2007)5, SEC(2007)14, SEC(2007)15).