

End of life permit

One of our CLR subscribers, who sells new and mainly secondhand parts on eBay recently received an email from eBay which stated: 'If you are selling secondhand parts, you'll need to display your environmental permit numbers in your listing, so buyers know you are complying with the Environmental Permitting Regulations for storing and dismantling end of life vehicles.

'If you are a vehicle part seller, you must: Display the permit number of the site(s) where you source the vehicle part(s) you are selling; only source the vehicle part(s) from a company or person who has a permit to depollute and dismantle ELVs (<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-elv>)

'If you are dismantling (breaking) vehicles (ELVs) you must have a permit. If you do not have a permit – you are operating illegally. It doesn't matter whether you are registered as a private or business seller'

The seller, who wishes to remain anonymous told us: "We do not dismantle vehicles – we just sell parts we have bought or vehicles we have broken

many years ago.

"Our problem is that we have Land Rover parts off vehicles that were dismantled over 30 years ago – so no way can we produce any documentation.

"We have also been given parts or bought semi dismantled vehicles and saved the parts as we knew they would be useful in the future.

We have also bought parts at shows – Billing, Newbury 4x4, Malvern, Peterborough etc over the last 35 years – again no chance of producing any documentation.

"This is a massive problem to us – and to all those selling used parts on eBay.

"We have had an online chat on eBay, essentially they are saying it's government legislation and there's nothing we can do about it.

"This will affect the whole of the classic car industry – destroying many small businesses and preventing classic car owners from being able to buy perfectly good parts that present no environmental problem."

Please contact news@classiclandrover.com if this legislation has affected you.

Regulations: end-of-life vehicles (ELVs) on the GOV.UK website

Guidance for manufacturers and importers

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/elv>

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-elv>