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## **Vehicle Utilization Process in Belarus**

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When you're buying a new car, drivers should think where the old one goes. The right decision is to utilize it. It is necessary to realize why cars are recycled and not just sent to landfill. Officially salvaged vehicles are referred to as "End of Life's" Vehicles or ELV for short. On average a year, ELVs represent around 7-8 million tonnes of waste across Europe – so without proper handling, the environmental impact of this often-dangerous waste could be catastrophic. To deal with the potential problem, the ELV Directive was created – it maps out how exactly countries should reuse, recycle, and recover the materials that make up a vehicle.

In Belarus there are 3 ways you can possibly get rid of a vehicle:

- Forced utilization. According to the complaint of the residence, traffic police demand to resolve the issue. Firstly, they send a letter to the owner of the vehicle; if within 30 days the car utilization process is not over, the car is disposed of, and its owner is billed, which takes into account the cost of all evacuation, transportation and utilization bills.
- Bring the car to the collection point by yourself. First of all, you need to deregister your vehicle. Then either disassemble the car or hire a tow truck that can transport your vehicle entirely. Car utilization is done by numerous companies. There are about 40 recycling points in Minsk. For example, OP CJ "Belvtorchermet", OP CJ "Beltsvetmet".

- Use the services through the housing maintenance service/HMS. After your registration is taken down by traffic police, the owner submits an application to any utility service for recycling. Employee of HMS will do all the work for you. The body car is rented out for processing, compensating for the costs of loading, unloading and transportation [2].

Cars are accepted only "prepared" for recycling. To do this, glass, rubber, plastic and wood must be removed from the car, and the oils drained. Only iron remains. Any container of a closed type (for example, a tank) is explosive.

In order to remind you the rules of the "classic" deregistration of a car, that was introduced by traffic police recently, the way of deregistration is presented below.

Firstly, you can go to the local road safety inspectorate. You need to have a registration certificate and number plate with you. If for some reason a person no longer has a document or registration plates, he writes a statement in which he indicates the reasons for their absence. If license plates are lost, they are entered into the registration plate search database so that no one uses them. Next, the resident writes an application for the disposal of the vehicle.

Secondly, when a person does not have any documents, no numbers and no transport for a long time, he writes an explanation and an application for recycling. Traffic police check whether this car was insured for the last three years and whether it was included in the traffic police database. If the car was not mentioned anywhere, an administrative decision is made to deregister the vehicle as scrapped. If the car has passed through one of the databases, then the person must wait after this time (the date it entered the database) for three years so that it can be disposed of and pay the transport tax. The reason is that the car is still in running condition and the citizen is considered to be its owner according to the database of the traffic police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Finally, when the owner selling the car without proper re-registration in the traffic police, a person must pay a transport tax for a car. For example, you sold a car to the Grodno region without re-registration. You do not communicate with its new owner and have lost his contacts. A person can apply to the traffic police for help, but it is impossible to put a car on the wanted list. Since there are no grounds for initiating a criminal case. Based on this, the traffic police can help a person in a search only if the car was in the database and there is information about it [1].

There are also a few companies that can help to get rid of your vehicle. For example, the Belarusian Utilization Company has a special package of services that includes deregistration, removal of a car, dismantling, sorting, sending waste to the appropriate organizations and receiving compensation for the delivered materials.

The client needs to conclude a recycling agreement with the company, provide documents for the car, after which the company takes care of all the worries, including a trip to the traffic police for deregistration. After 10 days, when the car is dismantled and the materials are sent for recycling, the former owner will be able to come to the office for monetary compensation.

In conclusion I would like to say that it is everyone's responsibility to take care of our environment through utilization of your vehicle.

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