

# Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013

- **The new Scrap Metal Act 2013 comes into law on the 1st of October.**
- **It completely replaces the old Scrap Metal Act 1964.**
- **This is not just about cash payments no longer being made by scrapyards: it is also about clamping down on the sorts of people who are allowed to deal in scrap.**
- **Existing scrap dealers (i.e people who already have a waste carrier's license) will have to apply for a new one IN EVER LOCAL AUTHORITY IN WHICH THEY BUY OR SELL SCRAP by the 16th of October.**
- **There is a fee, which the local council sets, for each license you need.**
- **The local council has the power to decide whether you are or are not a suitable person to carry on the trade.**
- **Any "relevant" prior convictions may be taken into account: this will mostly relate to scrap-related offences but can also mean environment related offences or anything they believe makes you an unsuitable dealer. You may be asked to apply for a 'Criminal Records Disclosure' too.**
- **Enforcement of the new law starts on the 1st December this year. That means that after 1st December you may be arrested for failure to comply with the terms of the new Act.**
- **We cannot state for certain whether you will need a license from a local authority if you are just travelling through and not buying/selling there. In reality it might be**

**difficult to prove that you are just travelling through en route to buy or sell somewhere else (the Home Office told me, but off the record, that you don't need a license from a council unless you're buying/selling in their area).**