

# TYRES AND WASTE TYRES REGULATIONS 2017



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**A producer responsibility initiative regulating  
the importation, sale and recycling of tyres  
in the Republic of Ireland.**

## Tyres & Waste Tyres Regulations

New regulations came into effect in 2017 which govern the registration, sale and safe recycling of all tyres placed on the market in Ireland.

The new regulations seek to ensure that waste tyres are managed in an environmentally sound manner and to prevent illegal dumping of tyres.

There are several agencies / departments involved throughout the new system.

- DCCAE Dept of Communications, Climate Action and Environment
- EPA Environmental Protection Agency
- LA's Local Authorities
- PRL Producer Register Limited
- RepakELT Repak End of Life Tyres

## Tyre Retailer

A tyre retailer is anyone who, for the purpose of trade or in the course of business as a wholesaler or supplier, sells or otherwise supplies tyres to other persons in the Irish market, including to the end user of the tyre.

### Retailer obligations check list

✓	<b>1. Join</b> RepakELT and report monthly to them through the RepakELT portal.
✓	<b>2. Display</b> a current RepakELT membership certificate in a public space on their premises.
✓	<b>3. Charge</b> the Environmental Management Cost (EMC) as a separate line item on any invoice generated.

**\*If a retailer is also a tyre producer then they will also have to meet all legal tyre producer obligations as described on the page across.**

## Tyre Producer

A tyre producer is anyone who places tyres on the market in Ireland for the first time. Tyre producers include the following:

- Tyre manufacturers with a distribution network in Ireland.
- Tyre Importers
- New Car Importers
- Used Car Importers
- Part Worn Tyre Importers
- Internet Tyre Sales (Distance sellers) not based in Ireland

**\*There are possibly other categories of Tyre Producer not listed above.**

### Producer obligations check list

✓	<b>1. Register annually</b> as a Tyre Producer with the PRL	✓	<b>5. Pay</b> the appropriate EMC to RepakELT for those tyres placed on the market each month.
✓	<b>2. Report monthly</b> to the WEEE Black Box (through the PRL website) the quantity and types of tyres placed on the Irish market each month.	✓	<b>6. Charge</b> the appropriate EMC to retailers or end users for those tyres sold to them.
✓	<b>3. Register</b> with RepakELT once.	✓	<b>7. Display</b> current PRL and RepakELT registration certificates in a public space on their premises.
✓	<b>4. Report</b> to RepakELT each month.	✓	<b>8. Display</b> their PRL Registration Number on all customer facing sales documents.

## Environmental Management Cost

The scheme is designed to be cost neutral to the tyre producer and retailer in that the ultimate cost of collection and recycling of a waste tyre is borne by the person who uses the tyre (i.e. the consumer). This is done through the application of an Environmental Management Cost (EMC).



The EMC is a statutory cost, similar to the cost on white goods, which goes towards the cost of recycling the tyre when it reaches its end of life. It must be itemised separately on any invoice and CANNOT be discounted or modified in any way.