Scrap metal processors are engaged primarily in the “acquisition, processing and shipment of ferrous and nonferrous scrap.” A scrap metal processor who receives a motor vehicle from the owner on the certificate of title shall mark the certificate “TO BE CANCELED” and forward the certificate to the clerk of the court who issued it within 10 days. Scrap metal processors are prohibited from accepting a motor vehicle with any document other than a certificate of title. The scrap metal processor shall keep the record of the cancellation, including a copy of the canceled title, for three years. If the seller of the motor vehicle is not the titled owner, the record also shall include: the seller’s name and address; an identification number from the seller’s driver license, military I.D. or other state-issued license; and a physical description of the seller (O.R.C. 4738.16).

Salvage Dealers are engaged primarily in the business of selling used motor vehicle parts at retail (O.R.C. 4738.02).

If an Ohio certificate of title or salvage certificate of title to a motor vehicle is assigned to a salvage dealer, the dealer is not required to obtain an Ohio certificate of title or a salvage certificate of title to the motor vehicle in the dealer’s own name if:

- The dealer dismantles or destroys the motor vehicle;
- Indicates the number of the dealer’s motor vehicle salvage dealer’s license on it;
- Marks “FOR DESTRUCTION” across the face of the certificate of title or salvage certificate of title; and
- Surrenders the certificate of title or salvage certificate of title to a clerk of a court of common pleas (O.R.C. 4505.11).

For More Information

National Motor Vehicle Title Information System
www.vehiclehistory.gov
Information on how businesses report vehicles received.

Ohio BMV
www.ohiobmv.com
Vehicle research functions, information about vehicle title transfer and registration.
www.ohioautodealers.com
Information about obtaining a motor vehicle dealer license (used, salvage, leasing or special plates for towing).

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