



GCIC Operations Bulletin 2023-04

SUBJECT: Changes to Required Information from Secondary Metals Recyclers

ATTENTION: Law Enforcement Personnel

DATE: June 29, 2023

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2023

1. O.C.G.A. § 10-1-395.5 requires Georgia secondary metals recyclers (SMRs) to submit daily purchase transaction information to a Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) database. This database is accessible and searchable by all Georgia law enforcement agencies to investigate and facilitate the recovery of stolen property.
2. Governor Kemp signed SB 60 – Secondary Metals Recyclers (<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/63812>) on April 26, 2023. This legislation amends O.C.G.A. § 10-1-359.5 by adding information that SMRs are required to report to the GBI database as follows:

(a)(1) Each secondary metals recycler shall provide to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation or its designee for each purchase transaction which takes place on or after July 1, 2015, all of the information required by subsection (a) of Code Section 10-1-353, except for the amount of consideration given in a purchase transaction for the regulated metal property specified in paragraph (5) of subsection (a) of such Code section, and a statement as to whether such secondary metals recycler's registration or business license has been revoked, suspended, or canceled in the previous year.

(a)(2) Each secondary metals recycler shall electronically submit to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation a record of the receipt of each purchase of a used, detached catalytic converter as defined in subsection (d) of Code Section 10-1-351, or any nonferrous metal parts of a catalytic converter, from an industrial account or a secondary metals recycler. For purposes of compliance with 10-1-359.5(a)(2), "industrial account" means a manufacturing, industrial, or other commercial vendor that generates and sells regulated metals property in the ordinary course of business, provided that such vendor is not a secondary metals recycler.

Such report shall include:

(A) The name and address of the seller;

(B) The date, time, and place of the transaction; and

(C) The number of used, detached catalytic converters or pounds of catalyst metal purchased.

3. LeadsOnline is the vendor that maintains the database on behalf of the GBI. Law enforcement personnel may access the LeadsOnline website at [Law Enforcement | LeadsOnline](#) to login or call 1-800-311-2656 to register for an account to access the database. Additionally, LeadsOnline Support sent all Georgia SMRs a message containing the new reporting requirements to make sure they are compliant.
4. The Georgia Recyclers Association (GRA) has published a Secondary Metals Recyclers Compliance Guide and Secondary Metals Recyclers Changes documents. Please visit the Georgia Recyclers Association (GRA) website at [GRA website](#) for current documents.
5. The Georgia Sheriffs' Association (GSA) has a Secondary Metals Recycler Registry. Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 10-1-359.1, secondary metals recyclers who purchase regulated metal property in any quantity must register with the sheriff's office(s) in the county(s) that they operate within, effective July 1, 2012. Please visit the Georgia Sheriffs' Association (GSA) website at [Home - Georgia Sheriffs' Association](#) for current information.

Approved:



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