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UK leads the way in vehicle recalls, Leaselink head tells fleet safety conference

The UK leads the way on vehicle safety recalls and other countries have a lot to do to catch up, Robert Pilkington, managing director of Ebbon-Dacs' Leaselink International division, told delegates at the UN-backed Arab Road Safety Organization (AROSO) conference in Tunisia.

Speaking on the topic of vehicle safety recalls, Pilkington told delegates from the Arab League of Nations, including representatives from Libya, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, that in terms of legislation and processes the UK led the way.

He also spoke about progress made with the ReCare system, developed by Ebbon-Dacs for the BVRLA in the UK and now available free of charge to its members, including leasing, daily rental and fleet management companies.

"Even before the latest developments in the UK such as ReCare, other countries have some way to go to catch up, and they do not have the strong policies on safety recalls or the processes to have vehicles rectified that we do in the UK," he said.

The conference was organised as part of the UN-backed 'Decade for Road Safety' covering the period 2010-2020 and was intended to promote the issue of road safety and safer driving on a global level.

Pilkington told delegates that the ReCare system, which Ebbon-Dacs has developed over the last 12 months, was intended to be a major aid to road safety and that growing numbers of fleet operators and manufacturers were signing up to it.

And, as a result of negotiations currently ongoing with a number of parties from both the demand and supply side of the fleet industry, many more expected to do so in the very near future.

“We have made great strides in the areas of road safety in the UK, but we believe that the ReCare system has the potential to deliver huge duty of care and road safety benefits to the UK fleet management sector,” he said.



Robert Pilkington – managing director of the Leaselink International division of Ebbon-Dacs

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Notes to Editors

In 2011, of 31m vehicles on the road, some 900,000 were subject to a vehicle safety recall notification in the UK. The vast majority of these notifications came within three years of the

vehicle's first registration. As BVRLA members' fleets tend to be under three years old they are affected by a significant proportion of these recalls.

About Ebbon-Dacs

Ebbon-Dacs is an online solutions company based near Oxford and specialises in delivering hosted, web technology solutions. The company also has a presence in France and the Netherlands and, through partners, in Italy, Germany, Australia and Portugal.

Ebbon-Dacs, which is owned by a private equity group, provides business process automation solutions to a wide range of automotive business enterprises through a number of different business tools and solutions and is a leader in hosted solutions for the automotive industry. Ebbon-Dacs' flagship solution is Leaselink, Europe's leading e-procurement system.

Leaselink is used by dealers and leasing companies around the UK to electronically source and manage more than 100,000 new vehicles per annum.

About the BVRLA

The BVRLA is the UK trade body for companies engaged in the leasing and rental of cars and commercial vehicles. Its members provide short-term rental, contract hire and fleet management services to corporate users and consumers. They operate a combined fleet of around 2.5 million cars, vans and trucks, buying nearly half of all new vehicles sold in the UK.

Through its members and their customers, the BVRLA represents the interests of more than two million business car drivers and the millions of people who use a rental vehicle each year. As well as lobbying the government on key issues affecting the sector, the BVRLA regulates its members through a mandatory code of conduct. www.bvrla.co.uk

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