



Copart are first to join PATAM Card Scheme

Online vehicle remarketing company Copart UK are supporting the Roadside Safe Initiative by being the first company to sign up to PATAM's Automotive and Logistics Industry Competency and Qualifications Card Scheme.

To qualify for the PATAM Card Scheme, Copart had to meet specific criteria to be recognised across the industry, including completion of the DriveAWARE training and the provision of a recognised Government licence check, Electric & Hybrid awareness training, industry standard vocational training, full insurance and a company Operator's Licence.

As the first company to sign up to PATAM's card scheme, Copart are delighted to demonstrate their investment in employee development and prove their competency and compliance in the handling of over 400,000 vehicle movements annually across the UK.

The initial pilot will see Copart's employees at their Chester Facility issued with a personalised Copart/PATAM branded identity card, enabling them to produce evidence of vocational qualifications and company policies when requested to do so.

Simon Sheldon-Wilson, Operations Director at Copart said: "We are committed to ensuring the competency and capability of our drivers in the safe handling of our customer vehicles. The PATAM scheme impressed us as it offers an effective means for drivers to prove their skills and training, together with the ability to ensure records are kept up-to-date and readily available whenever they are required. We are proud to be involved in the early stages of the scheme's development."

Gary Tucker, Chief Executive at PATAM, adds: "We are delighted to welcome the team at Copart and are working closely with them to deliver a solution that meets the needs of their business. This relationship demonstrates our shared interest in innovation, safety and compliance and I am looking forward to rolling the scheme out nationally over the coming months."

Notes to editors:

1. To learn more about Copart UK, please visit www.copart.co.uk
2. PATAM Group Limited (PATAM) is a virtual and physical identify card solution provider. To learn more, please visit www.patamgrouplimited.uk

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Copart UK was established in 2007 and sells more than 400,000 vehicles each year through online auctions for a variety of customers including finance companies, banks, dealers, fleets, rental car companies and the insurance industry; as well as franchised, independent and wholesale motor traders.

Members can choose salvage and non-salvage vehicles including agricultural and plant, HGVs, commercial vehicles, motorcycles and more; with thousands of vehicles available to bid on each day.

Copart was founded in the USA in 1982; and has locations throughout Asia, North and South America, the Middle East and Europe, including 16 locations across the UK.

In 2015, Copart was ranked at the top of Deloitte's "The Exceptional 100" list of companies.