

## **To: All Ford Suppliers who Utilize IMDS (International Material Data System)**

### **Changes**

At the beginning of 2016 Ford will replace its IMDS related data management tool. The current automatic IMDS datasheet acceptance will be replaced with an upfront data acquisition and data quality analysis. Ford will also implement a brand new GMM (Global Material Management) Supplier Portal through Covisint replacing the former GMIR Supplier Portal.

### **How this affects you**

Ford will no longer automatically accept all data sheets in IMDS. Suppliers will now be able to see their data sheet status in IMDS online as “not yet browsed”, “browsed”, “accepted” or “rejected”.

### **Ford Definitions of IMDS Online Status:**

**“Not Yet Browsed”** – Data sheet has been submitted but not yet viewed by Ford.

**“Browsed”** – Data sheet has been submitted and viewed by Ford – no decision of acceptance has been made.

**“Accepted”** – Ford has reviewed and initially accepted the data sheet. Please note that the acceptance of this data sheet is preliminary and the data sheet may not be approved for use in all vehicles/applications. Ford reserves the right to *reject* this data sheet/part for use in the future due to changing regulations or vehicle type approval timelines. Some data sheets that show as “accepted” in IMDS online may be changed to “rejected” in the Ford in house compliance system.

**“Rejected”** – The data sheet has been rejected for compliance or data quality reasons. The data sheet must be corrected and resubmitted in order to be considered. If the system auto rejects the data sheet it will send an automatic email to the sender indicating the rejection. Certain exceptions may be made for service parts.

You will continue to receive communications from [rsmshelp@ford.com](mailto:rsmshelp@ford.com) regarding issues with data sheets.

**GMIR Supplier Portal Replacement:** The new GMM supplier portal will replace the GMIR Supplier portal in Covisint. The new portal has a new look and feel however the same reports can be created as in the past. The new supplier portal can be accessed at this link through Covisint:

<https://fim.covisint.com/ap/ford?TARGET=https://www.gmm.ford.com>

Note: you must first make a request to add the new supplier portal application:

Global Material Management (GMM 5.0)

### **Questions**

If you would like more information or have additional questions about the changes please contact send the inquiry to [kkelle17@ford.com](mailto:kkelle17@ford.com).