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**Recommendation 019 Update from the IMDS Steering Committee,
June 2020**

Dear Recommendation 019 Users,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on recent activities concerning the IMDS Steering Committee (SC) decision to deactivate REC019 published datasheets in IMDS.

The Electronics sector (ZVEI, CLEPA, AIAG and JAPIA) has highlighted that the Covid-19 situation has impacted their ability to fully transition away from the use of published REC019 by July 1st, whilst still being able to fulfil their PPAP requirements.

It is also evident that software solutions that are already in the pipeline, need to be implemented to support the industries complex supply chain.

It has therefore been agreed to postpone the deactivation of REC019 published materials until Release 13 of IMDS, which is planned for Q1, 2021.

This postponement does not remove the responsibilities of the supply chain to ensure that their data is accurate and fulfils the following requirements:

- All legally required substances contained in the supplied parts must be reported (e.g. GADSL listed substances, REACH Candidate List Substances, etc).
- All application codes required to determine compliance to the End of Life Vehicle Directive (2000/53/EC) must be declared.
- Rec019 published material may only be used if there is full knowledge of the declarable substance composition of the reported components. It must not be used as a “wildcard” if this knowledge is not available.

The continued use of the REC019 materials should only be used as a last resort and with the required diligence.

It should also be noted that REC019 materials will no longer be universally accepted along the supply chain.

The electronics sector should not relax in their efforts to transition away from using published REC019 datasheets as early as possible as the requirement to provide accurate material information is increasing.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Griffin

On behalf of the IMDS Steering Committee