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**Recommendation 019 Update from the IMDS Steering Committee,
February 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 SC realise the potential disruption deactivating REC019 datasheets may cause in the electronics supply chain and urge all actors to start the process of collecting real, accurate data from their supply chains to support the reporting and compliance needs of the automotive sector.

The SC and representatives from the Electronics sector (ZVEI, CLEPA, AIAG and JAPIA) are in dialogue to identify means to ease this transition away from REC019 materials, and these include (but are not limited to):

- New system enhancements to enable multiple suppliers of the same part number to be included in the IMDS submission
- Handling of REC019 materials for parts that no longer have an active supply chain (lifetime buy parts) shall be allowed to continue through use of the “Spare Parts” flag.
- Agreement to produce a more comprehensive set of collaborative reporting guidelines for the electronics sector.

Further enhancements are being considered and evaluated against the current release schedule of IMDS.

Several electronics suppliers have already taken the initiative and have transitioned away from using Rec019 published declarations in their IMDS submissions.

In order to accelerate the phaseout of Rec019 materials, the SC agreed to deactivate the Rec019 published datasheets on the 1st July, 2020.

After this date, it will not be possible to create a new IMDS components using these published datasheets. Suppliers should act immediately to close out existing projects and gather the required data from their supply chain.

Although the Rec019 materials will be deactivated on July 1st, please be aware of your customer’s needs, as some companies may start phasing out Rec019 datasheets earlier, due to external pressures.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Griffin

On behalf of the IMDS Steering Committee