



International Material Data System

April 20th, 2013 (Go-live of the Release planned for beginning of May 2013)

IMDS Release 8.0 Information

IMDS Release 8.0 (also known as 'IMDS NT - New Technology') identifies the modernization of the current IMDS application (IMDS Release 7.2) using updated technology to better position IMDS for the future.

While this release includes massive improvements in hardware, software and system architecture, to the User it is primarily a change in the IMDS appearance ('Look and Feel') which will improve ease of use.

Major improvements will be:

- Rework/streamline operation and program flow of the web application (e.g. an MDS Request connected to an MDS can be accessed with one mouse-click)
- Provide a new, state-of-the-art infrastructure and Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Update IT architecture to ensure stable operations

The modernization and new features will not change the fundamental core structures currently used in IMDS. Basic functions and underlying content will remain the same in IMDS Release 8.0 (IMDS NT) as they are today. Therefore, although the appearance will be different, the content of your existing material data sheets and administrative information will not change.

IMDS Advanced Interface (AI) and IMDS Advanced Accelerator (A2) will not be affected by IMDS Release 8.0.

Finally, IMDS Release 8.0 will be rolled out running in parallel with current IMDS Rel. 7.2 at the beginning of May. During approximately a 6 week period, IMDS users will be migrated in waves by company to the new IMDS Release 8.0.

Updated IMDS Public Pages and Advanced Solutions pages will be deployed with a modernized appearance and improved user guidance following IMDS Release 8.0 completion.

IMDS' new technology platform is based on HP's general solution for compliance reporting, called CDX, or the Compliance Data Exchange (www.cdssystem.com). Like IMDS, CDX is also internet-based and contains similar functionality for material reporting and certifications, yet for industries other than automotive.

A new functional design known as the **IMDS 2020 Enhancements** is being finalized currently by the IMDS Steering Group and HP. This functionality will follow in a separate release planned for the first quarter of 2014. Detailed information will follow in the second half of 2013.