The Standard is revised and reissued during first quarter of each year. The 2001 requirements are provided in the attachment and will be available, by mid-March, on the Ford-Supplier Network at https://fsn.ford.com. Select “Environmental” from the Content Directory in the upper right hand corner, then select "CY2001 RSMS". Please see this site for future communications.

RSMS Reporting Phase-in and Audit Strategy
Suppliers are expected to meet all the requirements of the standard for each calendar year. However, in order to allow a phased-in approach for reporting over the period from 2001 and beyond, special attention will be given to the requirements identified below. These requirements should be viewed as the minimum expectations and will be used as metrics for the reporting process. Data submissions should begin immediately and continue to the specified completion date.

- Report on all production parts containing any of the Prohibited, Restricted or Reportable substances listed in Table A-2 (Attached) via the IMDS. This list of substances has been reduced from the total number listed in the RSM Standard to facilitate supplier reporting in CY2001.
- Priority reporting should be given to these programs: U204 (Escape), U152 (4-Dr Explorer), C214 (FMV C1), C307, S272, B-Car, and Jaguar X-350. For the above seven programs, in addition to reporting on the substances listed in Table A-2, suppliers must also report on:
  o All production parts and materials types, (e.g., for a door panel assembly; ABS Plastic panel, PVC cover, steel staples, urethane foam padding, rubber contact adhesive, etc.)
  o Recycled content, (e.g., post-consumer and post-industrial)
- Suppliers of new vehicle programs (highlighted above) must submit prototype part information in the prototype part submission period only once, unless there are compositional changes involving substances listed in Table A-2, or there are more than a 10% change in recycled content during the part development period. In this case, suppliers must submit the updated material information for the changed parts. All suppliers must submit/confirm their final production part material information when they finalize their parts.

Reporting Requirements for CY2002 and Beyond:
Reporting requirements for CY2002 and beyond will be identified with the rollout of future RSMS revisions. Future rollouts will require additional substance and recyclability reporting on all production as well as service parts and non-production parts supplied to Ford.
Supplier Internal Communication Requirements:
Please cascade this document package at least to the department heads below, which are pertinent to your organization:

- Product Development
- Manufacturing
- Purchasing
- Materials Engineering
- Corporate Environmental/ Regulation Staff
- Health, Safety and Toxicology
- Information Technology
- Quality Manager
- Sales
- Ford Account Manager/Business Unit

Cascade of RSMS Reporting Requirements to Sub-tier Suppliers:
It is the responsibility of Tier 1 suppliers to cascade this standard and all its requirements, including the reporting requirements, to all their sub-tier suppliers and ensure that all other sub-suppliers in their supply chain comply with the same requirements. It is an industry-wide effort to collect all material information. Any broken link within the supply chain will have a negative impact on the entire process.

New Reporting System: International Material Data System (IMDS)
To assist suppliers in reporting efforts, Ford has elected to use IMDS (viewed as the Industry Solution, being used by other OEM's) to report on production parts/materials, effective with release of the attached CY2001 RSMS.

How to Access The International Material Data System
IMDS can be accessed through: http://www.mdsystem.com. There you can click on 'contact' to get the IMDS service center telephone number and email address, which are currently:

IMDS help desk: +49 (0) 421 52 56 666 (GMT + 1 Time Zone: Germany 8am-5pm).
A service center will be established in the U. S. in the 2nd Quarter, 2001
or imds-eds-helpdesk@eds.com

The service center will register your company and provide login user ID's for your system administrators. Your system administrators will get the authority to provide login user ID's for your IMDS end users. For any system help you require, first contact your system administrator.

The IMDS website also provides questions and answers, system requirements, contact information, etc. Classroom IMDS training can be requested using the web page. IMDS will also provide online tutorial training before the end of first quarter, 2001. Online help is available within IMDS.

Contacts: Ford launch coordinator/help desk
- Ford RSMS Project Launch Coordinator: (313) 32-20455, or rschu18@ford.com
- Ford RSMS Help Desk: (313) 32-23717, or rsmshelp@ford.com

All Ford Motor Company Tier 1 suppliers must use the IMDS system as follows:

- Input your supplier information (telephone, e-mail addresses, etc.) in the IMDS "supplier information" screen.
- Input your parent Global Supplier Data Base (GSDB) code only in the IMDS "Ford part submission" recipient screen.
- Input Ford end item part numbers in the IMDS "Ford part submission" recipient screen.

For suppliers who supply parts to U204, U152, C214, C307, S272, B-car and Jaguar X-350:

- Input all part/component/material information (name, weight, quantity, etc.) in the IMDS reporting screens.
- Input substance of concern information (if your parts contain the RSMS Table A-2 listed substances) in the IMDS reporting screens.
- Input recycled content information (if your parts contain the recycled contents) in the IMDS reporting screens.
- Input Ford Motor Company material specification numbers (if you use Ford specifications) in the IMDS reporting screens. If you are using industrial standards or your own standards, please input the standard's information in the IMDS reporting screens.

For suppliers who supply parts to all other vehicle programs:

- Input only the part/component/material/substance information (name, weight, quantity, etc.) where the part contains listed substances in RSMS Table A-2.
- Input Ford Motor Company material specification numbers (if you use Ford specifications) in the IMDS reporting screens. If you are using industrial standards or your own standards, please input the standards information in the IMDS reporting screens if your parts contain listed substances in RSMS Table A-2.

Supplier's corporate office should coordinate all its manufacturing sites data input into the IMDS. Only a supplier's corporate office needs to certify the company's compliance with Ford RSMS and Ford Parts Marking Drafting Standard E-4. Each manufacturing site does not need to certify. All Ford Motor Company Tier 1 suppliers shall certify compliance to Ford RSMS and E-4 Standard, using the IMDS Ford Certification screen, regardless of whether you have parts to report or not. The RSMS, E-4 Standard and related attachments will be posted in the IMDS.

All sub-tier suppliers must prepare the necessary part/material/substance information for their customers, and enter the information into the IMDS before the Tier 1 suppliers can integrate the part information to report to Ford Motor Company. IMDS provides a function that can keep your proprietary information secure from others.

If you already entered your part/material/substance information into the Ford Restricted Substance Management and Recycling (RSM/R) system, against RSMS 2000, you need to review the RSMS 2001 version and determine if the new changes affect your parts. If there is no affect, and no new information related to the changes in RSMS 2001 version, you do not need to reenter the same information to the IMDS.