

IMDS Newsletter VI

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IMDS News in brief

IMDS Help Desk support

1. Why and when occur changes of basic substances in IMDS?

Changes of basic substances are a very sensitive topic as this influences the quality of the basic data in IMDS and therefore, the basis for all MDSs. The central maintenance of the basic substances therefore is a core feature in IMDS.

However, although the central maintenance should be done in a way that no deletions should be necessary, after several years the data base needs to be cleaned up. In addition, the requirements concerning the use of norms like ISO 1043 (Plastic identification system) changed and lead to necessary additions and deletions.

1. whenever special characteristics of a basic substance are changed (like name or CAS number) – this is announced in a separate *.pdf file in the Recommendations section of IMDS.
2. whenever a basic substance is flagged with D (duty-to-declare) and/or P (prohibited) this is announced as after flagging the substance cannot be marked as confidential anymore.
3. whenever only a synonym is changed or a spelling mistake corrected, this is not announced.
4. if new substances are put in the data base, this is not announced.

Deleted substances can be found in the analysis section of IMDS – under "Certificate of expenditure" → Basic substance. If you click "select" in the search screen coming up you can specifically search for inactivated substances.

2. Upcoming Changes in IMDS Release 2.2

- ✓ **Forwarding** – after many requests in order to better adapt IMDS to the processes in the supply chain, it will be possible to forward the MDS instead of copying it and filling in all information again.



IMDS History

June 2000
IMDS goes on-line.

June 2003
Results of the second online questionnaire are available at: <http://www.mdssystem.com/imds/html/admin/quest/questionnaire.jsp?language=en>.

February 2004
IMDS eLearning course available in English.

Today
81,230 users registered from 31,583 companies

2nd December 2004
IMDS Release 2.2

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- ✓ **Material classification** – In order to improve data quality in IMDS the check procedure for the classification of the material to be created is carried out immediately. If filled or unfilled thermoplastics are chosen, the user is lead over various choices according to ISO 1043.
- ✓ **Chapter 4: all buttons are visible** – All options for an MDS (publish, internal, send, propose) are now visible but only active functions can be initiated. This will be changed because of confusion when the other functions/buttons (sending, propose) only appeared after adding a recipient to the MDS.
- ✓ **Personal Data** – at first login in IMDS with Release 2.2 the users will be guided to an administration screen and asked to check their personal data available in the system. After successful change a new button “Settings” will allow every user to regularly update personal data like name, phone number or email address.

3. Asking you – the next IMDS online questionnaire

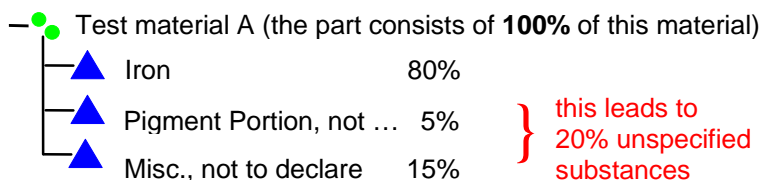
After the two questionnaires did provide very useful information from you concerning IMDS, the IMDS Steering Committee decided to put another IMDS questionnaire online. As for the first questionnaires, this one will also be online for four weeks – most likely in January 2005 (after Release 2.2).

We count on your participation – with you participating in answering the questionnaire, we can decide on the next development steps for IMDS.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

4. Recommendations – how correctly applying IMDS 001

What does it mean to **use not more than 10% jokers and confidential substances**? This relates to the top node, i.e. if you have a material consisting of two further materials (master batch and plastic) the master batch can contain much more than 10%.



The contents of the two joker materials is 20% which is too large – the material should not be referenced in a part because finally it will be rejected.

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When to contact whom?

- Commercial and strategic IMDS issues → IMDS Steering Committee
- Operational technical issues → IMDS Helpdesks
- Operational content related issues (e.g. how do I report a certain material) → Contacts of OEMs as published on Public Pages

IMDS - eLearning

... an innovative online training programme for IMDS users worldwide, giving a thorough grounding in the procedures necessary to complete IMDS submissions and to help gain confidence in using the system. **IMDS-eLearning** includes case studies, animated simulations of common IMDS tasks, a series of practice exercises and a mastery test. It also includes reference materials, technical support and additional access to the IMDS Training Server for continued practice and learning.

Training Strategy

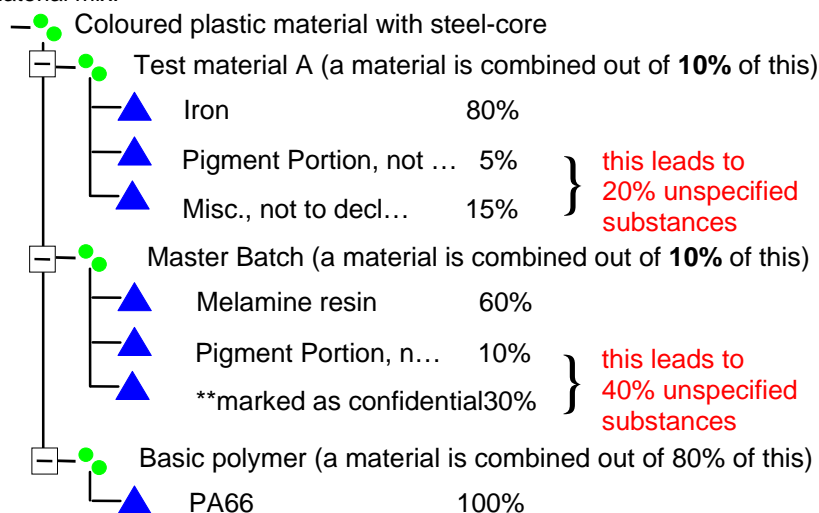
IMDS-eLearning provides flexibility by allowing users to carry out the course intermittently and at their own pace. They receive step-by-step instruction as case-study-based MDSs are built and published in a simulated online system. View animations of the covered tasks both to preview and review content. At any time, users may exit the training to work in the IMDS Training Server to repeat scenarios covered in the case studies or to complete new scenarios.

Participant Testimonials

- "The assignments were interesting and clear to follow, and the quick reference guide was very helpful."
- "The examples are excellent. This course puts it all together. (I was) concerned that this was going to be a complicated undertaking, but it was a lot easier than I originally thought!"

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This situation changes if the above mentioned material is used as a part of a material mix:



Overall in this material mix, altogether 6.0% are unspecified and like this the material could be referenced in a part although e.g. in the Master Batch alone there are 40% marked as confidential or are jokers.

5. Users' Echo – emails to IMDS

Dear IMDS team,

We use a basic substance called "glass frits" in nearly all of our data sheets. When and why was this substance removed ?

Regards,

Dear IMDS user company,

The basic substance glass frits with the CAS number 65997-18-4 was deleted from the data base because it describes a group of substances – some of the oxides contained maybe duty-to-declare, others might be not. Therefore, it is highly recommended to document the mixture of the different oxides instead of using this group CAS number. The basic substance was finally deleted at the end of July 2004 – due to a mistake it was on the original list but did not appear on the *.pdf file for the end of July. We apologise for any inconvenience. This substance will appear on the Basic Substances Change document for the end of November.

Best regards, the IMDS team

IMDS News in brief

1. Discussions on a new business model - At the moment there are discussions with automobile manufacturers and certain suppliers about a new business model for IMDS. Contrary to circulating rumours, there have not been any results yet. The outcome of the discussions is still open. We will keep you informed about it.

2. AIAG Summit addresses IMDS reporting and the ELV Directive - On October 6th 2004 AIAG hosted an IMDS and ELV conference in Detroit. More than 450 people attended from the automotive industry to discuss the impact of the ELV Directive and how to best use IMDS. The IMDS Steering Committee and EDS were represented to share our view on where we are right now as well as the plans for the future. Most attendees were very pleased with the outcome and felt more comfortable in using IMDS after the conference. There are already plans for a similar conference in the first half of 2005. Please read the [AIAG website](#) for more information.

3. ILRS will be updated to GADSL - The International List of Reportable Substances used in IMDS will be updated in 2005. For the first time in the Automotive industry we have managed to develop a true "Global Automotive Declarable Substance List" in cooperation between the OEMs, the Suppliers and

About this Newsletter

The IMDS Steering Committee will quarterly provide the Newsletter to all IMDS Users as a source of information about the different IMDS functionalities and support.

This Newsletter is designed to objectively inform about the IMDS.

If you have any questions or comments about this Newsletter, please send an email to:

imds-newsletter@eds.com

Your participation

Please help us with your feedback. If you would like to contribute to this Newsletter with articles and comments concerning the IMDS and environmental issues in your company, please contact us by email. For suggestions, further information and questions, please contact

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the Chemical industry. The first draft is already available and the GADSL will be available in the beginning of 2005. Please refer to the individual OEM/Supplier requirements for more information, the intention is that all OEMs and Suppliers will use the same set of reportable substances in IMDS from 2005 and beyond.

4. New FAQ entry for substances in IMDS - There has been some confusion regarding which substances that are considered as wildcards (jokers) and which that are considered as real substances. To clarify this a new FAQ entry is available on [our IMDS Public Pages](#).

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