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1. Interview on the IMDS Submission Certificate with Antje Heymann, GM Europe and IMDS Steering Committee Chair and Jörg Seidel, GM Europe Manager ELV, Purchasing

In November 2004, the 5th Plenary ELV Reporting Meeting took place in Brussels. The topic discussed at the moment in the framework of IMDS is the introduction of an "IMDS Submission Certificate". Here are the main points summarised in an interview with Antje Heymann (IMDS Steering Committee Chair) and Jörg Seidel (Manager ELV, Purchasing) both GM Europe.

Ilona Pollok: Mrs. Heymann, what is this "IMDS Submission Certificate" about?

Antje Heymann: The idea behind this certificate is to improve the quality of the delivered material data sheets. At the moment, the OEMs are very busy checking incoming data sheets – with the process behind this certificate, we can check a supplier once and then do only random checks on the quality of material data delivered. By the way, this idea was developed together with one of our suppliers, the Lear Corporation.

Ilona Pollok: This seems to be a good idea - can every supplier get such a certificate? And who will certify?

Jörg Seidel: Generally speaking, yes, every supplier can apply for such a certificate. As a first step, this certification will be carried out by OEM with their tier1 suppliers. This will usually involve a process audit at the supplier's site(s) to ensure that all sites delivering material data sheets fulfil the requirements of this quality enhancing process. Later on, this certification process can be also used within the supply chain in a regular customer supplier relation. However, it will pay off very soon since there are considerable lead time advantages at the supplier's site as well as quality benefits at the OEM site.

Ilona Pollok: How will this quality of the MDSs be measured?

Jörg Seidel: Basically, there will be a certain limited rejection rate over a pre-



IMDS History

June 2000

IMDS goes on-line.

February 2004

IMDS eLearning course available in English.

Today

80,488 users registered from 32,119 companies

May/June 2005

IMDS Release 3.0

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specified period of time. According to this allowance, the supplier is fully certified if the customer requirements are met e.g. the supplier has shown that he has a quality process in place that can deal with deviations to the OEM / customer's needs and that the IMDS Recommendations are followed.

So far, this Submission Certificate is not yet part of the IMDS Recommendations. It will largely depend on the demand of the tier1 suppliers. As for GME, we have started this process with LEAR in Europe already. We expect other tier1 to follow and to benefit from the Submission Certificate as well.

Ilona Pollok: Mrs. Heymann and Mr. Seidel, thank you very much for the outlook on the IMDS Submission Certificate development.

2. Change of the IMDS Use Conditions

There have been many questions on the change of the IMDS Use Conditions in February 2005. One of the problems frequently addressed will be covered in this paragraph: the prohibition of trainings on the production server.

There have been many questions on why trainings on the production server are prohibited – two main reasons initiated this change in the IMDS Use Conditions:

Firstly, the IMDS system functions with a large volume of data. Within training sessions, dummy and test data are additionally created – these data however remain in the data base and are stored on the cost of less space or slower performance for the production data which are sent and received and published.

Secondly, training is considered an event where several people press the same button, e.g. the "Search" button for searching the same published material MDSs starting with the letter "A" at the same time. It becomes obvious that this search takes a while and blocks data base connections which are then not available to other users creating productive data sheets. Consequently, we receive complaints from other companies considering low performance.

Therefore, we suggest that training is carried out by our certified training partners listed on our [IMDS Service pages](#).

If such a training is planned you can also contact our [person in charge of training](#) concerning time and costs for using the IMDS training server. (As this is another complete IMDS as parallel system being completely independent from the production server, it has to be maintained and up-dated and can therefore, not be free of charge.)

3. GADSL – Global Automotive Declarable Substance List

A major upgrade will soon take place in IMDS: A new substance list called GADSL will replace the ILRS. For those users experienced in IMDS you may recognize that ILRS was only implemented in IMDS during 2004. The purpose of ILRS was to combine all different OEM requirements regarding reportable substances into one list. This effort has continued since the first version of ILRS. With the support of the suppliers and the chemical industry we have now gone one step further and released GADSL.

The GADSL is the result of a year-long global effort of representatives from the automotive, automotive parts suppliers and chemical/plastics industries who have organized the Global Automotive Stakeholders Group (GASG). The GASG's purpose is to facilitate communication and exchange of information regarding the use of certain substances in automotive products throughout the supply chain. The GADSL only covers substances that are expected to be present in a material or part that remains in a vehicle at point of sale.

GADSL is independent from IMDS and will be incorporated into OEM standards during 2005 and beyond. As a user of IMDS this means that GADSL will be the only list that has to be checked regarding reportable substances. Currently all IMDS recommendations as well as other documentation are being updated to reflect this fact.

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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

If you have any questions about GADSL or want to view the GADSL documents then please visit <http://www.gadsl.org/> for more information.

Meaning of the Classifications:

"P" - Prohibited in all applications

"D/P" - Prohibited in some applications and declarable in all other cases. Please review the GADSL documents for more information.

"D" - Substance must always be reported, however the substance is not prohibited to be used in automotive parts

However, GADSL will not supersede contractual agreements between a supplier and an OEM.

4. Upcoming Changes in IMDS Release 3.0

- ✓ **Password reset** – From Release 3.0 onwards it will be possible for every user to reset her/his password her-/himself without contacting the client manager or IMDS HelpDesk.
- ✓ **Recyclate information** – Currently the Recyclate information is entered in chapter 2 (“Recyclate information”) of an MDS. This information is related to the top-level node of the MDS (component, semi-component, material), meaning that it can only be entered once per MDS. Data from referenced data sheets is not transferred or accumulated. Chapter 2 has been optional – or has depended on individual customer requirements. From Release 3.0 onwards it will only be possible and required to enter Recyclate information when an MDS references materials with certain classifications.
- ✓ **Application Codes** – The IMDS system contains many basic substances. Some are marked “duty to declare” or “prohibited”. Basic substances, that are marked as “prohibited” should not be used anywhere in the automotive industry except for certain applications (valid for a defined time based on legal requirements). Applications are also defined for the basic substances that are marked as “duty-to-declare”. The application information is necessary for the OEMs in order to comply with Annex II and other environmental regulations. With release 3.0, when using a restricted substance, you must also declare how or where you are using it – or supply a so-called Application Code.
- ✓ **Polymeric parts marking** – To improve quality and benefit of IMDS data, it will be recorded if polymeric parts are marked according to ISO 1043-1/2 and ISO 11469. This has been required as part of the recipient data for some OEMs. The Parts Marking question has been removed from those locations and has been placed in the Ingredients section of the MDS.

The documents describing these changes in detail can be downloaded from mid-May 2005 onwards – about a week before the Release will put online on the production server. We will inform you on the availability of these documents on our login page.

Users' Echo – emails to IMDS

Dear IMDS team,

our largest problem in IMDS is that we do not get any information from our sub-suppliers. Therefore, we decided to insert the materials delivered to us ourselves. We do consider this the only possibility to deliver the data in time. How can we oblige our suppliers to deliver IMDS data?

Regards,

Dear IMDS user company,

unfortunately, we cannot confirm that entering the data yourself is the best solution in IMDS. The problem is the responsibility for the material contents – if there are hazardous substances within the material and you do not declare them because you do not know about it, you indicate with creating the data sheet that all you declare is contained.

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

imds-newsletter@eds.com.

If you get a written list of substances from your sub-supplier or a declaration that nothing hazardous is contained you need to store this until at least 2015. The best solution is to contact your sub-supplier and to communicate the need of the IMDS data and for the future implement this requirement into you delivery contracts.

Best regards, the IMDS team

Dear IMDS team,

sometimes there are different published MDSs for the same materials in the system, one published by the IMDS Steering Committee and another one by another company. Which one is recommended to use?

Regards,

Dear IMDS user company,

to be on the safe side concerning the use of standard materials please use the published MDSs from the IMDS Steering Committee if you have two exact standard materials from different providers. You can find them if you search for published material MDSs from the company "IMDS-Committee" (company ID 423) in the search screen.

Best regards, the IMDS team

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- 1. New telephone number of the European Help Desk** – from now on, for all European users the telephone number of the Help Desk to call is **+36 1 298 1536**.
- 2. Questions on materials and issues related** – These questions should from now on only be addressed to the contacts of the OEMs as published on the contacts page of the members of the IMDS Steering Committee.
- 3. IMDS Questionnaire results coming soon...** – Thanks to the participation of more than 4,000 users in our IMDS questionnaire completion, we will soon publish the results. The information on the results' availability will be published on our login page.

IMDS Help Desk support

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Editorial

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