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IMDS News in brief

IMDS Help Desk support

1. What's next in IMDS? Changes planned for IMDS Release 4.1

IMDS Release 4.1 is planned to go live in December 2006 and will incorporate the following issues:

- ✓ Change order in the product structure tree – It will be possible with Release 4.1 to sort the nodes in the product structure tree (in edit mode) e.g. for better grouping components which belong to an assembly.
- ✓ Change sort order in the result lists – The result lists up to now have been provided in alphabetical order of the component, semi-component, material or basic substance. With Release 4.1 it will be possible to also sort the result list according to other criteria, e.g. the material number.
- ✓ Reporting – A .pdf report for any result list is possible for a better overview e.g. on material MDSs for coatings by the IMDS Steering Committee.
- ✓ Update of the template for the initial sample report – The initial sample report template will change its look and contents: the user will get more information fields like status.
- ✓ Publishing warning – because of the fact that MDSs which are accepted (and additionally published) cannot be deleted anymore there will be a special dialogue for the users publishing data sheets. This dialogue is thought to avoid accidental publishing because it will not be possible to delete this data sheet.
- ✓ Standard Material number for all metal classifications – There will be the possibility to assign a Standard Material Number not only to steels but all metals.

This Release will have no influence on the IMDS interface and therefore, not on the inhouse systems connected. It will be rolled out as intermediary release in order to provide better functionalities to the user before the next main Release 5.0 (2nd quarter 2007).

2. Renault substance lists in IMDS (BGO)

Basic substances declaration in Chapter 1 can be done according to different lists. Renault doesn't work with the GADSL list but has 3 specific lists:



IMDS Facts & Figures

June 2000

IMDS went on-line.

18th May 2006

IMDS Release 4.0

Today

107,740 users registered from
44,520 companies

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Renault Black – B (Noir)

Black substances are prohibited or to be declared if the quantity is higher than the declaration threshold and lower than the prohibition threshold.

Renault Grey – G (Gris)

Use of grey substances is restricted. It should remain exceptional and be justified. Alternative solutions should be proposed for their elimination.

Renault Orange – O (Orange)

Orange substances have to be monitored due to possible future restrictions or prohibitions (medium or long term).

For further information for Renault suppliers please consult the [FAQ section on our Public pages](#) (category "OEM specific information").

3. When to contact whom...

- ✓ Operational technical issues → IMDS Helpdesks
- ✓ Operational content related issues → Contacts of OEMs as published on Public Pages
- ✓ Commercial and strategic IMDS issues → IMDS Steering Committee

With a question like "We are a producer of textiles. Where do I find a guidance for textile material MDSs?" surely the helpdesk can be contacted – our IMDS helpdesk agents will guide you to the Recommendation IMDS004 for textiles. Further information on how the textiles are to be reported in this special case could not be answered by our helpdesk because it is a content-related question and should be addressed to the OEMs.

Questions like "How do I report a certain material?" might depend on the OEM using the final assembly with this material contained – therefore, if the end-user of the data sheet is known, please address the question to the IMDS contact of the respective OEM. If standard materials are concerned, the IMDS Committee material should be preferred.

A question for example by an association like "Shouldn't the range for lacquers be adapted because of ...?" demands a decision by the IMDS Steering Committee and should therefore be addressed to one of the members.

Questions on EDS products like the IMDS-a2 or the IMDS Advanced Interface should not be addressed to the helpdesks but directly to EDS (see the contact email address on our [IMDS Service Pages](#)).

4. FAQs in IMDS – help at hand

Many questions addressed to our helpdesks were found to be regular questions many IMDS users had – the answers can be found in our [FAQ section on the public pages](#).

Under "**Data requirements**" there are documents like the ELV Directive 2000/53/EC and the latest version of the Annex II of this Directive.

"**Faster Data Entry & IMDS Administration**", in this category you find more information on administrative issues in IMDS like the use of Organizational Units. Under "**General Info**" general information for example on the use of Jokers and Pseudo-substances can be found.

Under "**How to Tips**" you can find our up-to-date IMDS User manual as well as a step-by-step process description of creating an MDS.

The category "**OEM specific info**" contains special OEM information on data entry requirements for different OEMs.

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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.

5. Users' Echo – emails to IMDS

Dear IMDS team,

**I am the only responsible for IMDS, i.e. client manager, in my company?
When I forgot my password I always have to call the helpdesk. Isn't there
another way that I can reset my password?**

Regards,

Dear IMDS user company,

For security reasons we need to have your identity confirmed in order to reset your password with one of our helpdesk agents. However, there would not be a problem if a second Client Manager in your company would be assigned. This other Client Manager could reset your password without you having to call the helpdesk – please check if there is the possibility to have this backup person in your company. This might speed up solving your problem with a forgotten password.

Best regards, your IMDS team

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1. Trainings in French for Renault suppliers available on the [French Service pages](#)
2. In further countries in Asia IMDS training will soon be available – please check on our [Service pages](#) for availability.

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Editorial

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