



Merry Christmas to  
all IMDS users  
and best wishes for  
2008.



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## 1. Interview with James Lundström (VCC), the new chair of the IMDS Steering Committee

**Ilona Pollok:** Mr. Lundström, first of all congratulations to your election as new Chair of the IMDS Steering Committee. We wish you ongoing success in further enhancing the IMDS data provision so that all deadlines from the ELV regulation can be met. Thanks to all former efforts, IMDS has developed into a global standard within the automobile industry. The last questionnaire proved that the users are much more satisfied with the application than even two years ago. Do you think there is still room for improvement?

**James Lundström:** Thanks for your good wishes – I am looking forward to working together with the other OEMs on further enhancing the IMDS and the data collection process. Concerning the room for improvement: yes, there is. Now that we have the global standard in place, we need to optimize the IMDS processes, i.e. the processes of data provision in order to speed up data entry and to guarantee high data quality.

**Ilona Pollok:** What is the next IMDS project then?

**James Lundström:** The next project in IMDS is Release 6.0 which is planned for 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008. We will have several changes to the IMDS application like checking data sheets and e-mail messaging to name just a few.

**Ilona Pollok:** Thank you for your time and again, all the best for your future IMDS work.

## IMDS Facts & Figures

### June 2000

IMDS went on-line.

### 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007

IMDS Release 5.0

### Today

129,575 users registered from  
55,909 companies

## Who to contact at the automobile manufacturers?

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## 2. Asking you – results of the IMDS Questionnaire 2007

The results of the fourth IMDS Questionnaire 2007 are now available. A few of them are:

- ✓ About half of the IMDS companies (50.6%) are situated in Europe.
- ✓ Most of the IMDS users (81%) are working in Product design & development and Quality.
- ✓ If training was taken it was in 81.4% of the cases considered to be very important or important for the IMDS work.

The complete set of results can be found in the different languages under the following links:

### Deutsch:

<http://www.mdsystem.com/imds/html/admin/quest/questionnaire.jsp?language=de>

### English:

<http://www.mdsystem.com/imds/html/admin/quest/questionnaire.jsp?language=en>

日本語: <http://www.mdsystem.com/imds/html/admin/quest/questionnaire.jsp?language=ja>

## 3. Efficiency / effectiveness in working with IMDS

Here you can download a [document describing how to evaluate the established IMDS process regarding the efficiency and the effectiveness and to identify potentials for optimization within these processes.](#)

This document contains a questionnaire which can be used to evaluate the existing process of IMDS data provision. The IMDS Steering Committee is convinced that this can help to prepare or optimize company-internal processes but does not see the need to do audits in the supply chain.

## 4. IMDS Release 6.0 – planned for 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008

The next IMDS Release will comprise the following topics:

1. **Display release date for MDSs** – “Create Date”, “Check Date” and “Release Date” will be available in the MDS details. Additionally, a versioning of the Recommendations allows to link an MDS release check to the according Recommendation version valid at that point of time.
2. **Allow MDS checks in Incoming box** – received and published data sheets can be checked, the checks can be carried out before accepting
3. **Complete check of each data sheet** – data sheets can be checked for the following rules 1. Range of portion must not exceed allowed percentage (Formal Checks of Release 4.0), 2. 10%-Rule for not specified substances and 3. Different node types on same level
4. **Add E-Mails to IMDS messages** - Companies/users can decide if they want to receive E-Mails, who shall receive E-Mails and in which events they want to receive E-Mails.
5. **Enlarge result list in Request function** - the .csv-export will enable the unlimited view of all results.
6. **Material Classification 5.2 Wizard** - There will be user guidance for build of material symbols for newly created materials of classification 5.2. The wizard is based on ISO 18064 “Thermoplastic elastomers. Nomenclature and abbreviated terms”
7. **Removing button Alternative Supplier** - The function of adding additional suppliers to material MDSs in edit mode will be removed.
8. **Change of IMDS Password rules** - New entered passwords must contain at least 8 characters/digits/special characters (before in Release 5.0: 6 characters/digits) up to a maximum of 12.

This is preliminary information to our best knowledge at this point of time.

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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,

How can I be sure that the declarations of my suppliers are meeting the regulations on the prohibition of lead which will be in force from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008?

Regards,

Dear IMDS user company,

You can use the Analysis feature and either use the “detailed Analysis” for single MDSs and see if there is lead contained. Under Certificate of expenditure you can do an analysis of multiple data sheets, for example of all data sheets from a certain supplier containing lead. Knowing in which data sheets (parts) lead is still used, you can approach your suppliers and together with them, find a way of replacing this substance in the future.

Best regards,

Your IMDS team

## IMDS News in brief

1. The first IMDS Newsletter came out in November 2002, five years ago.
2. The Chinese helpdesk started its work on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2007. Users in **China** may reach the Chinese IMDS Service Center Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 pm BST (GMT+8) under +86 27 87431668, email [IMDS-EDS-Helpdesk-China@eds.com](mailto:IMDS-EDS-Helpdesk-China@eds.com)
3. Please take note that DaimlerChrysler AG is renamed as **Daimler AG**. The CompanyID 101 keeps untouched. The new CompanyID is 71459 for **Chrysler LLC**. It is not possible to send MDSs to the old CompanyID 8130 anymore.
4. Due to a company reorganisation the IMDS CompanyID of **HYUNDAI MOTOR COMPANY** will change from 28498 to 71405, and the IMDS CompanyID of **KIA MOTORS CORPORATION** will change from 28499 to 71406, effective Monday, Sept-17, 2007.

## IMDS Service Center support

### **Chinese Service Center** – [imds-eds-helpdesk-china@eds.com](mailto:imds-eds-helpdesk-china@eds.com)

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### **European Service Center** – [imds-eds-helpdesk@eds.com](mailto:imds-eds-helpdesk@eds.com)

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### **French-speaking Service Center** – [imds-eds-helpdesk@eds.com](mailto:imds-eds-helpdesk@eds.com)

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## Editorial

Dear IMDS users,  
the first of these IMDS  
Newsletters came out in  
November 2002 –  
five years ago.  
Thanks for your  
feedback during  
this time. It helps  
a lot to have an  
attentive audience...



Yours sincerely,  
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