



To all IMDS users:
Have a good holiday
season!



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1. IMDS Release 6.1 ahead (planned for the 4th Quarter 2008)

IMDS Release 6.1 is planned to go live in the 4th Quarter 2008 and will contain the following enhancements:

1. **Enhanced application handling** - hiding of application information will be introduced in the IMDS application. This means that outdated application information will remain attached to the datasheets for information purposes but will not be available for further use..
2. **Managing REACH Contact persons of IMDS companies** - client managers are able to define REACH contact persons in IMDS to facilitate REACH communication
3. **New filter for REACH-SVHC (Substances of very high concern)** - Search for REACH-SVHC, find MDSs containing them and display these substances in the product structure tree
4. **Reporting of small parts** – some formal checks in IMDS will be *less restrictive* to materials used in small parts (measured weight smaller than 5g)

This is preliminary information to our best knowledge at this point of time. There may be changes to the enhancements announced and/or further enhancements included.

This Release will be implemented in a way that it has no direct influence on the IMDS interface and therefore, not on the connected in-house systems. It will be rolled out as intermediary release in order to provide REACH information to the users before the next main Release 7.0 (2nd quarter 2009).

2. More warnings and errors since IMDS Release 6.0?

Although it appears that Release 6.0 brought new requirements, it did not. What has changed is the way the checks are made. Prior to Release 6.0, the checks were only done on non-released data sheets and there was no capability for a customer to review the data sheet using the IMDS quality controls.

IMDS Facts & Figures

June 2000

IMDS went on-line.

4th Quarter 2008

IMDS Release 6.1

Today

139,529 users registered from
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As a response to supplier requests, Release 6.0 now allows the customer to use the quality checks on the tree, both when sending/proposing and when accepting. This has resulted in all warnings becoming visible to the customers as well. Please note that there is a difference between warning messages and error messages.

The range warnings and 10% warning was implemented in Release 4.0 (2006). Recommendation 001 range requirements were published in 2003.

3. Users' Echo – emails to IMDS

Dear IMDS team,

Why am I getting warnings on "more than 10% unspecified substances" although the average contents of the ingredients is leading to less than 10%?

Regards,

Dear IMDS user company,

The 10% warning requires a bit of understanding on how the calculations work. For example, if you have a material comprised of substance a, substance b, substance c, and a joker:

Substance a - range from 25 to 29 - weighted average 27

Substance b - range from 36 to 40 - weighted average 38

Substance c - range from 26 to 30 - weighted average 28

Joker - REST - 7%

But

- Even though substance a has a weighted average of 27, it COULD have as little as 25% of substance a
- Even though substance b has a weighted average of 38, it COULD have as little as 36% of substance b
- Even though substance c has a weighted average of 28, it COULD have as little as 26% of substance c

So really, for sure, all what is known is that the total of substance a, b, and c are 87% so the joker could be 13% which is > 10% and sets off the warning.

Best regards,

Your IMDS team

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1. Under [FAQ \(Category "Material information"\)](#) you find an overview on the updated materials according to UNS.
2. Under [FAQ \(Category "OEM Specific Info"\)](#) you find new information for BMW suppliers.

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