In this special issue for IMDS NT (referred to as IMDS Release 8.0) you can read about the following:

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1. IMDS Release 8.0 Clipboard function

The Clipboard function can be used to hold material datasheets, basic substances and requests for easy access. For example, an often used material can be moved into the Clipboard for reuse in different material datasheets. If you login to IMDS, you can open the Clipboard using the menu **Functions > Clipboard**. It will be shown at the right hand side of your window:

Next time you login, the Clipboard will be still visible with all the information retained from your last session. You can reuse your favorite data from the clipboard without searching again.

If you don’t need the Clipboard visible for a portion of the time you are working in IMDS, you can use the small arrow at the bottom left-hand corner of the clipboard screen to collapse it. To remove an entry from the Clipboard, please use the context menu (right mouse click). To remove all entries, use the “Remove All” icon at the top of the Clipboard.
2. New IMDS Information Pages
We plan to have new IMDS Information Pages (formerly IMDS Public Pages) available at the end of September/beginning of October 2013. The current IMDS Public Page content will be migrated to the new IMDS Information Pages, with the information reviewed and updated where necessary. The focus of the new Pages is improved functionality, better structure for easier navigation, and a modernized look and feel. Below is a preview of a new IMDS Information Page, from which you can navigate to any other IMDS-related information of interest to you.

3. IMDS-a2 and IMDS-AI migration to Release 8.0
For users of the IMDS-a2 and IMDS Advanced Interface (IMDS-AI) the migration to IMDS Release 8.0 is planned towards the end of the overall migration process. The exact date is still to be determined, but is targeted for September 2013. Although there is no preparatory work required, IMDS-a2 and IMDS-AI licensees will be notified in advance. AI users actively logging in to the IMDS web application will be redirected automatically to IMDS Release 8.0, in the same style as with other IMDS users being migrated.

4. IMDS 2020 enhancements
IMDS 2020 enhancements will be implemented in IMDS Release 9.0, which is planned to go into production at the end of the first quarter 2014. Changes to the IMDS Advanced Interface will be communicated beforehand according to the processes used for previous IMDS releases containing IMDS-AI changes. This also includes a three month testing period on IMDS Model Office Next for IMDS-AI licensees prior to production rollout.

The scope of the IMDS 2020 enhancements was defined by OEMs and experts from the supplier organisations CLEPA, AIAG and JAPIA, representing the main geographical regions of IMDS (Europe, North America and Asia). HP will realize this vision with IMDS Release 9.0 in 2014. IMDS Release 9.0 is probably the most significant enhancement to IMDS since its inception. This release focusses on speed, data quality improvements and reducing the reporting burdens of suppliers. Highlights include:

- Allowing faster MDS updates by enabling you to identify, update and send MDS’s that are affected by an update to an MDS sent by your supplier.
- Fixing new version errors (rule 3.2.2) before they are sent - preventing rejections from your customer.
- Allow the Tier 1 Supplier to correct or add missing Norm, Recyclate or Application relevant information in Chapter 4, alleviating delays to the PPAP process.
- Remove the ability to copy someone else’s material MDS - if you are not the owner of the material MDS, how do you know if it has been affected by changes in GADSL?
- Commonising OEM checks by reducing the warning flags in IMDS and putting more emphasis at stopping errors at source.

We are extremely excited about the changes coming to IMDS in Release 9.0 and we hope that you will join us in testing them out when they hit the Model Office early in 2014.

5. Toyota IMDS changes
On 27th August 2013, Toyota changed its company-specific handling of Part/Item numbers and supplier codes when sending MDSs to Toyota. With these changes, the supplier code is
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Best regards,
IMDS Newsletter Team

6. Documents available for IMDS Release 8.0

The following links provide access to several documents we have created to assist you in preparing for the transition to IMDS Release 8.0:

1. Quick Reference documents, providing a step-by-step overview on two basic functions:  
   Download Create tips for components  
   Download Create tips for a material MDS

2. Video Tutorials, describing how to work within IMDS Release 8.0:  
   IMDS Release 8.0 Introduction - Homepage and Login (9 MB)  
   IMDS Release 8.0 Introduction - Landing page and Search Criteria (12 MB)  
   IMDS Release 8.0 Introduction - Search Results (22 MB)  
   IMDS Release 8.0 Introduction - Details (12 MB)  
   IMDS Release 8.0 Introduction - Accept and Reject (9 MB)

3. Presentation comparing functions IMDS Release 7.2 and IMDS Release 8.0  
   Download the presentation

4. IMDS Release 8.0 IMDS User Manual

Please remember to check on the IMDS NT Information webpage regularly. For users already working with IMDS Release 8.0 all this information is also accessible directly from within the application.

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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@hp.com

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