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IMDS English-speaking Service Center support

The English-speaking IMDS Support in Europe will get a new email address from 20th June 2014: imds-helpdesk-english@hp.com. German and French support will continue with the current email address imds-helpdesk-emea@hp.com. The telephone numbers do not change.

1. Information from IMDS Steering Committee on GADSL Substances

GADSL, (found on www.gadsl.org) is an industry success story on collaboration and agreement in the automotive supply chain (from OEM down to the Chemical producers), to produce one definitive agreed list of declarable substances throughout the industry.

This list is updated at least once a year, with the next release scheduled for July, 2014.

If any of the substances identified on GADSL are contained in your materials above the declaration threshold, then they must be reported in your IMDS submission. As GADSL contains substances that must legally be declared to your customer (e.g. REACH Substances of Very High Concern), Material MDSs must be updated and sent to your customer if they are affected by a substance addition to GADSL.

GADSL substances contain the following classifications:

D = Declarable

A substance designated "D" must be declared if it exceeds the defined threshold limits.

P = Prohibited

A substance designated "P" is either prohibited by regulation for use in certain applications or may not exceed regulated threshold limits.

The IMDS Material Data Sheet for the materials must contain all of the actual GADSL substances present in the material, irrespective of their GADSL classification. To enable the smooth flow of IMDS data throughout the supply chain, IMDS records should not be rejected for the reason that they contain substances listed as "D" on GADSL.

Exception to this guidance – You have a B2B agreement with your supplier that this substance is not acceptable for your organisation (in the form of company standards, contracts etc.) then the data may be rejected.

REACH update

The last application date for authorisation of the following substances expired on 21st August, 2013:

Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP), CAS # 85-68-7

Di-(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), CAS # 117-81-7

Di-n-butyl phthalate (DBP), CAS # 84-74-2

Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP), CAS # 84-69-5

What does this mean to me?

If you are importing parts or materials into the EU that contain these substances, you may need to notify this to ECHA, according to REACH Article 7.2.

If you produce materials or components containing these substances in the EU, then your usage must be covered by a valid authorisation.

If no authorisation for your usage is granted for your supply chain then materials containing these substances will not be permitted to be manufactured in the EU after the sunset date (21/02/2015).

What should I do?

Understand your customer expectations – a lot of suppliers and OEMs are pursuing substitution of these substances, rather than authorisation.

Understand your supplier's strategy – is your supplier changing the material or applying for authorisation?

Am I affected? – know where your materials are produced.

Remember – Check your IMDS data, understand if you are affected and speak to your customer!

Anything else I should be aware of?

Not all applications for authorisation will be approved.

Not all substance usages will have an application for authorisation.

For example, no application for authorisation of DEHP has been submitted for rubber / elastomer products, so these will not be permitted to be manufactured in the EU after Feb 2015.

You cannot rely on Authorisation.

It will not last for ever. It may be time limited or it may cease at any time, should a suitable alternative be found.

If a substance is being substituted then an update to IMDS must be performed.

Substitution may also require additional PPAP approval.

2. Changes with IMDS Release 9.0 - Summary

After postponement of IMDS Release 9.0 on decision of the IMDS Steering Committee from 28th March 2014 to 8th May 2014, the following enhancements were introduced with this Release:

1. Allow faster MDS updates -- This is a new function in IMDS in order to make it easier to automatically update MDSs. Please note that the list does not show new MDSs immediately.

2. Restriction of Material MDSs containing GADSL or REACH-SVHC substances being flagged as confidential - An error message prevents from further using MDSs with substances that have become part of on of the hazardous substances list, either GADSL or REACH Candidate list.

3. Additional update options available for MDSs with OEM companies as recipient - Tier1 suppliers can add/change information concerning Norms, Recyclate Information, Parts Marking and Applications.

4. New or Updated IMDS Checks - These checks were introduced to enhance data quality e.g. error messages for own deleted MDSs and/or own MDSs containing deactivated basic substances.

5. New version rule for identical part numbers - IMDS checks if a new version of an MDS is sent with a different Part-/Item number or a new MDS ID is sent with the same Part-/Item number. (Note: the system behaviour in such a case is currently under discussion - **For an update on this topic please refer to the [IMDS News page](#)**)

6. Restrict MDS copies - Material copies are now only allowed for the owner of the material MDS.

7. Visibility of Own Confidential Substances - With this Release, it is possible to manage the access rights to confidential information for Users of the own company.

8. Removal of some of the Renault-specific fields - When sending MDSs to Renault less information needs to be filled in in the recipient-specific data.

9. Usability feature Context menu - This is especially of interest for smartphone or tablet users, the context menu which usually opens with a right-click is also accessible from the top of the result list and at the bottom of the result list with the Menu button.

This is a summary only, if you are interested in a complete description of the enhancements, please refer to the [IMDS Release 9.0 information](#) document. You can also get an overview on the changes in the Video Tutorials section of the IMDS Login page.



3. Users' Echo - e-mails sent to IMDS

Several weeks ago, after login, we saw and completed a questionnaire. However, what is this for and why are questionnaires used in IMDS at all? Thanks.



Dear IMDS using company,

Many thanks to all of you who filled in our latest IMDS questionnaire.

Questionnaires are a valuable source of information for us - not only concerning the ratings but also the structure of automobile industry participating companies - small and large in the different regions of the world, with many MDSs or not so many MDSs, with or without interfaces to company-internal systems. All of this information is necessary to further develop the application, to add or extend functions which are considered helpful or to pay special attention to enhancing the interfaces with IMDS.

We hope you continue to participate in future IMDS questionnaires.

Best regards,
IMDS Newsletter Team

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

4. Who to contact at the automobile manufacturers?

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