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1. Amendment of the IMDS Terms of Use - Clarification

On 1st February 2016, the IMDS Terms of Use and IMDS-AI contracts were amended to reflect the decision of the IMDS Steering Committee to allow the transfer of existing IMDS data, only via IMDS-AI to non-IMDS systems under certain specified conditions.

The security and confidentiality of the IMDS system is not affected

The new IMDS Terms of Use do not change the security of the IMDS system, nor do they change the data handling in IMDS. IMDS continues to be the solution for companies working in the automotive supply chain. The new Terms form a statutory framework that allows export of IMDS data for usage in other industries via the IMDS-AI interface. Sending an MDS report to a non-automotive company or manually copying supplier information from an IMDS screen remains prohibited. Companies can only export data they can view (i.e. have accepted or created). IMDS supply chain confidentiality rules continue to apply; Recipients will see only what is visible in IMDS, and supplier identity will not be disclosed. Data marked as confidential is not exported, and thus can never be forwarded outside IMDS. IMDS system behavior has not changed in any way.

IMDS using companies remain responsible for their usage of data obtained from IMDS

It must be stressed that the responsibility for transferring data obtained from IMDS (e.g. via IMDS-AI linkage to external or in-house systems) remains with each IMDS user. Each data-forwarding company is responsible for adhering to the agreed-upon rules in the Terms of Use, especially in ensuring the target system meets the requirement criteria for receipt of IMDS information. These criteria can be found on the IMDS Information pages.

Finally, please understand that we at HPE continue to care for IMDS system security, while you as the users remain responsible for secure IMDS data handling, i.e. to ensure the data is sent only to solutions that meet the required criteria.

The only one responsible to ensure your IMDS company and supplier data is secure is YOU! With this amendment to the Terms of Use, the IMDS Steering Group gives IMDS companies more leeway to leverage IMDS information, but does not absolve you of your responsibility to protect the information.

2. Call for Examples of Automotive Treated Articles

Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) – Background

The European Biocidal Products Regulation (“BPR”, Regulation (EU) No 528/2012), which entered into force on 1 September 2013, includes new requirements for “treated articles”, which are those substances, mixtures or articles that are treated with, or that intentionally incorporate, biocidal products. Treated articles are allowed on the market only if all the active substances concerned are approved for the relevant product type.

Labelling of treated articles is required if either: a claim, such as an advertising statement, is made regarding biocidal properties of the treated article; or, conditions of the substance approval include a labelling requirement.

Call for Examples of Treated Articles

ACEA’s Task Force-Biocides has the main task of developing an Automotive Industry Guidance on the Biocidal Products Regulation (AIG-BPR) and they need to identify more examples of treated articles used in our industry, so they can provide better guidance to suppliers.

The Task Force-Biocides is making a call to the automotive supply chain to provide it with examples of treated articles that are in use in the automotive industry.

The examples should include:

- Identity (name, CAS no.) of the active substance, if known;
- General description of application, e.g. “preservative in adhesive tapes”;
- Indication if the active substance remains in the finished vehicle;
- Indication of whether a biocidal claim has been made about the properties of the treated article.

If you submit examples as we are requesting, no company or part identifiers will be recorded, and all information will be presented anonymously.

The sole purpose for which the information will be used is to build better understanding of treated articles and the effect of the BPR in the automotive industry. By submitting examples, you will be helping the Task Force-Biocides to help you.

Contact

To submit any automotive examples of treated articles, or with other general questions or comments about the impact of the BPR on the automotive industry, please contact the Chair of ACEA’s Task Force “Biocides”:

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3. ACEA Flame Retardant Statement

Please see the [announcement from the European Automobile Manufacturers Association \(ACEA\)](#) concerning the chlorinated organo-phosphate flame retardant TDCP, which is used extensively in polyurethane foam materials.

4. IMDS Release 11.0 Forecast

From the enhancement requests suggested by suppliers and associations (AIAG, CLEPA, JAPIA) the IMDS Steering Committee selected the following enhancements for introduction in IMDS Release 11.0.

The business designs have been completed, and were approved by the IMDS Steering Committee in early March. Detailed planning for implementation is in progress, creating the basis for the rollout timeline of this new IMDS release. From our current perspective, IMDS Release 11.0 is targeted for Production release by the end of 2016. This includes the four month test period for IMDS Advanced Interface (AI) licensees and associations. More information will follow as details become available.

REACH Annex XIV and Biocidal Product Regulation information for MDSs using the 'IMDS Chemistry Manager'

The IMDS Chemistry Manager functionality will allow users to enter Biocidal Product (BPR) and REACH Annex XIV regulatory information for material MDSs and components. This functionality will only be available to users with a new privilege that can be assigned to them by a Company Administrator. Anybody with this user privilege will anonymously be able to send a request to the creator of an MDS to enter the regulatory information or update it if it is incomplete. It will also be possible to send these anonymous requests for references within accepted MDSs. Once the MDS creator will release a new version of the regulatory information, it will instantaneously be made available for everybody who can view this MDS. This will allow for a quick distribution of BPR and REACH Annex XIV data among the supply chain. Companies whose products are never used in supply chains inside the European Union will not receive requests to enter regulatory information initially, and so will not need to use this enhancement.

Mark own MDSs as 'obsolete'

Each company may mark own MDSs as "obsolete". Sent or accepted MDS marked as "obsolete" will no longer need to be deleted to prevent the MDS from being used anymore for future submissions. This new function makes it easier for companies to use only good-quality MDSs. Owned MDSs marked not to be used will no longer appear in standard searches, and will appear only when the search specifies to include these items. A new check procedure Warning message will inform users when an MDS includes owned MDSs marked "obsolete", so the user can replace these MDSs.

Allow Forwarding for Material MDSs

The already existing and well-known forwarding process for components and semi-components will be applied as well for Material MDSs. This will allow the user to forward a received and accepted Material MDS to a customer while keeping the original material composition and backtracking to the original Material MDS.

Final version MDSs must not contain references to preliminary MDSs

The existing MDS check of own/accepted preliminary MDSs referenced in a final MDS will be changed from a Warning to an Error message. The user will not be able to send a final MDS still containing references to preliminary MDSs. In addition, the check box for preliminary MDS will also be displayed for sub-references in any MDS and the check will return a Warning message for these occurrences.

The checkbox titled 'I have declared all GADSL substances' and related check for Material MDSs will be removed

This checkbox has led to misunderstandings for suppliers creating Material MDSs. One reason is that materials may contain traces of GADSL substances outside Material MDS declaration scope in IMDS. Because its meaning was misleading and IMDS Recommendations define how GADSL substances must be declared in IMDS, this check box and related check will be removed.

5. Miscellaneous

CLEPA event April 2016

The next CLEPA Materials Regulations Event takes place on **20th April 2016** in the Frankfurt area, at the Bad Homburg KongressCenter in the Kurhaus. [More information...](#)

Deactivation of the check for Warning-free MMDs

With IMDS Release 10.0, a check was introduced which prevented MMDs containing Warnings from being published. When attempting to publish an MDS with Warnings, all Warnings were automatically converted to Errors, preventing publishing. This change prevented some material suppliers from publishing valid MDSs, so this check was deactivated on 10 March 2016. However, Warning-free MMDs remain "Preferred MMDs", and the GUI (entry fields etc.) has not changed.

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@hpe.com

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