



International Material Data System

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VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS' POSITION ***Material Data Sheets on Purchased Parts in IMDS***

Compliance with the Purchasing Requirements of the Vehicle Manufacturers

This notice from the **International Material Data System (IMDS) Steering Committee**, the group representing global original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and responsible for governing IMDS requirements, applies to all organizations that supply products or materials used anywhere in the automotive supply chain.

If your company supplies products that are used to manufacture automotive assemblies or sub-assemblies, you are responsible for providing the required IMDS datasheet to your customer. Depending on customer and program requirements, PPAP¹ documentation may also be required, even if it is not specifically stated in your commercial or contractual agreements.

Within the automotive industry, the company that uses your product in its manufacturing process (your direct customer) must receive the IMDS datasheet, along with any customer-specific documentation required by contractual, engineering, or quality requirements. This approach enables downstream IMDS reporting and supports compliance with customer-specific requirements, consistent with quality management practices audited under IATF 16949:2016².

Through this notification, the IMDS Steering Committee is requesting your organization's support in meeting these requirements by providing the required IMDS datasheet and, where applicable, PPAP and any other documentation required by the automotive industry.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

¹ Production Part Approval Process

² Quality Management Standard for the automobile industry published by the **International Automotive Task Force (IATF)** and based on **ISO 9001:2015** but with specific requirements for the automobile industry. In October 2016, this standard replaced the former norm **ISO/TS 16949**.