



What is **IMDS**?

IMDS stands for **International Material Data System**, an internet-based system used by global vehicle manufacturers for collecting and managing material data. It is a standalone initiative from the automotive industry.

The origins of IMDS lie in the “End-of-Life Vehicles Directive” 2000/53/EC. This directive currently requires a recycling rate of 95% for materials in a car (as of 01.01.2015). Meeting this target depends on documenting single components.

All suppliers of materials (including labels) used in a finished car update the IMDS database at www.mdsystem.com with details of their products, describing composition in detail and noting any declarable substances – otherwise materials cannot be approved by manufacturers. The so-called GADSL list (Global Automotive Declarable Substances List) helps determining which substances need to be declared.



Some manufacturers make IMDS data sheets publicly available, but often without detailed and accurate information. Avery Dennison publishes data sheets for customers or end users only upon request.

How to use IMDS

In order to submit a request, a converter must be registered with IMDS (and so have an IMDS ID number). Both the converter’s IMDS ID and the relevant label material product code are used by Avery Dennison to process the request. After completion, the material datasheet is then made available to the requestor, via the IMDS site. The customer must check and accept the datasheet in order to continue working with it.

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