In 1999, the International Material Data System (IMDS) was developed by HPE on behalf of the OEMs. The aim was to create an IT platform to be used to meet the EU End-of-Life vehicle directive, which was open to all companies in the automotive industry. It would be employed to declare and archive the material of each and every part assembled in a car. This was the only way the OEMs could comply with legal requirements for recovery and recycling, and, later on, for proving compliance with substance restrictions.

The IMDS has been established worldwide as a standard system for the automotive industry. The EU Directive and its German implementation – the Altfahrzeugverordnung – shall support an environment-friendly production that avoids waste, facilitates recycling and the re-use of waste material, and saves natural resources.

In recent years, more new requirements keep emerging even faster than before, the most significant ones being substance restrictions (GADSL, 2005), the REACh regulation (2007) or the Conflict Minerals reporting (2010). Data declaration in IMDS allows more than 120,000 companies around the world that have been registered to date to take account of the increased awareness of environmental issues and the resulting legal framework, by exchanging complete material data across global supply chains. This makes IMDS a suitable system for demonstrating material or product compliance which is well prepared for global requirements that will evolve in the future.
**IMDS Consulting**

Your customers want to be able to rely on you. And you would like to be able to rely on the material data provided by your suppliers. Requesting material data, processing, and checking it, is a considerable amount of work.

Are you aware of your responsibilities regarding material compliance? Is your IMDS work process efficient? Do your employees have up-to-date knowledge and do they possess enough experience? Are you able to make full use of the potential and the opportunities the IMDS is offering? And is IMDS in your company organized in an efficient and clear manner?

*imds professional* offers you the opportunity to analyze your situation and advises you on how to best organize your work flow around IMDS and related material compliance requirements.

**Our services:**

- We advise you on efficient IMDS strategies and review your IMDS processes (best practice)
- We establish and optimize your IMDS work process
- We analyze your IMDS dataset and provide recommendations for enhancing data quality
- We structure your company into an effective IMDS organization
- We support you in reorganizing your IMDS structures and data in the event of company merger/acquisition
- Together with HPE, we perform the Company Merge or SplitOff process in IMDS
- We advise you on the use and evaluation of IT tools (IMDS a2, IMDS CM Analyzer, CDX, CMD Manager, or any other in-house tool)
- We analyze your staff requirements in terms of workload and qualification

**IMDS Service**

Our IMDS service is customized and extremely flexible: *imds professional* does not offer a standard range, but will develop the optimal solution for you.

Our highly specialized staff ensure on-time delivery and perfectly tailored services: the *imds professional* team consists of engineers and environmental auditors well versed in all automotive industry requirements.

Your company does not have the labor power to perform IMDS tasks itself? You would like to focus on your core business? No matter if you only have a single IMDS project, are looking to compensate staff shortage, or would like to outsource all of your IMDS tasks---our IMDS service will save you time and effort.

**Our services:**

- Project management (planning including setting customer deadlines, supplier ratings; milestones; status reports)
- Creating and administering your IMDS account, and managing user profiles
- Data management (ongoing, project-specific or on support basis), data entry, and data research
- Data checking (ELV and Annex II, REACH, conflict minerals, GADSL, IMDS recommendations, customer guidelines)
- Supplier management and support
- Customer management, monitoring MDS acceptance
- Change management, active monitoring of updates during product lifecycle

**CAMDS**

All our services are also available for the Chinese product management platform (China Automotive Material Data System) CAMDS

**IMDS Training**

IMDS and material compliance tasks are becoming increasingly complex. The number of laws, regulations, and substance restrictions with which companies need to comply grows continuously. Get on the right track by choosing the perfect training for your specific situation. Our trainings enable you to acquire the latest knowledge and apply it directly in material compliance practice. This way, you know exactly how to tackle tasks at hand.

We offer the broadest range of training world-wide, so you can use the IMDS system properly and efficiently.

**Our services:**

- Public training on all aspects of material compliance and IMDS in many European countries and in Brazil
- Customized exclusive training for your company tailored to your specific requirements
- Receive tips for your daily work by our trainers who are IMDS experts from the field
- Up-to-date live webinars, provided in public or exclusive format, conducted world-wide in many languages, also covering specific issues
- All trainings are conducted on the official IMDS training system and participants receive a personal training license valid for 4 weeks following the session. By that, we and you as IMDS user meet the IMDS Use Conditions which prohibit any training on the production system
- You will receive a training certificate proving you have been trained by an authorized IMDS training partner

**Additional consulting and services** available for all related material compliance processes such as REACH biocides, RoHS, WEEE, conflict minerals, etc.