

# Avery Dennison ADvantage: Complete Compliance

Compliance Quick Facts Sheet

## IMDS International Material Data System

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 of the automotive industry, used since 2001.

The origins of IMDS lie in the “End-of-Life Vehicles Directive” 2000/53/EC. This directive requires a recycling rate of 95% for materials in a car. Meeting this target depends on documenting each single component. 53 vehicle manufacturers and more than 120.000 of their suppliers use IMDS.

All suppliers of materials (including labels) used in a finished car update the IMDS database at [www.mdsystem.com](http://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 or are even prohibited.

IMDS data sheets contain detailed information about label materials and are not publicly available. Avery Dennison gives access to label converters to the data via the IMDS system. In order to submit a request, the IMDS ID number of the customer and the concerned product code have to be submitted. After processing the requested data sheet will be made available and has to be checked and accepted in the IMDS system. It can then be used further to declare the printed label or - further down the supply chain - the labelled component.

The IMDS website can be accessed [here](#).

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