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To: All Suppliers of Eaton Automotive  
Subject: International Material Data System (IMDS)

Dear Eaton Supplier,

As you may already be aware, the End-of-Life Vehicle Directive (2000/53/EC) is currently being implemented by OEMs that sell automobiles in the European Union (EU) marketplace. As a result, Eaton is now required to provide a successful IMDS submission via the Internet, based upon International Material Data System (IMDS) before PPAP approval is granted from respective OEMs.

In an effort to comply with OEM IMDS reporting requirements, Eaton Automotive has implemented the use of the IMDS Database. Implementing IMDS brings with it an additional requirement for Eaton Automotive suppliers as they proceed through the PPAP process. Prior to PPAP submission, each supplier must submit to Eaton a data module via IMDS, which contains a detailed breakdown of the material composition and weight for each component/assembly (this includes base materials as well as coatings and non-dimensional substances such as greases and oils). Eaton Corporation will then review the data module for acceptance.

Evidence of IMDS data module submission and **acceptance** must be provided and recorded with each PPAP submission from this day forward. We will accept IMDS submission only via the Internet based IMDS Database ([www.mdsystem.com](http://www.mdsystem.com)). Therefore, each supplier should make it a priority to partner with Eaton in implementing and utilizing the IMDS reporting method. When submitting parts data to Eaton via IMDS, please reference Eaton's IMDS guidelines now available in the Supplier Excellence manual located on the Internet at [www.eaton.com](http://www.eaton.com). Click on the "Doing Business" tab; next, click on the "Selling to us" link, then click on the link to the Supplier Excellence Manual. In the Supplier Excellence Manual there will be a section explaining IMDS and a link to Eaton's IMDS Guidelines.

Your cooperation in complying with this requirement is necessary to continue our Supplier-Partner relationship. If you are not currently a registered user of the IMDS Database please visit the following website for registration and training information: <http://www.imds-elearning.com/>. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact your local Supplier Quality contact or send an e-mail to [JeffreySWaller@eaton.com](mailto:JeffreySWaller@eaton.com) regarding specific IMDS questions.

Best Regards,

Eaton Automotive Supplier Quality Group