



CLEPA
European Association of
Automotive Suppliers



Harmonized Material Reporting System

The suppliers who are members of the three automotive supplier Associations CLEPA (The European Association of Automotive Suppliers), JAPIA (Japan Auto Parts Industries Association) and AIAG (Automotive Industry Action Group) are committed to providing information on restricted substances and material content to assist their customers in complying with their legal obligations and protecting the environment.

For material data reporting, the accepted worldwide automotive standard is the International Material Data System (IMDS), which was established in the year 2000. Currently, it is used by approximately 90,000 companies representing the worldwide automotive industry with over 160,000 **users** in total.

The requirement to use any other system will result in an enormous effort due to double / redundant data entry, as each supplier will have to ask their subsuppliers to provide material data in each system. For CLEPA, AIAG and JAPIA members, this will be burdensome and costly with no environmental benefit to the end customer; therefore customers are encouraged to join IMDS.

For further information, please contact the IMDS Service Centers on the IMDS Public Pages at www.mdsystem.com to learn more about IMDS.

Additional reporting requirements to IMDS are not cost-effective for the entire supply chain.

CLEPA is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers. 77 of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 29 National trade associations and European sector associations are members of CLEPA, representing more than 3,000 companies, employing more than three million people and covering all products and services within the automotive supply chain. Based in Brussels, Belgium, CLEPA is recognized as the natural discussion partner by the European Institutions, United Nations and fellow associations (ACEA, OICA, JAMA, MEMA, etc).

JAPIA is the Japan Auto Parts Industries Association (JAPIA). JAPIA was established by reorganizing a former auto parts industry association to better serve the public interest in August 1969. A total output of auto parts by JAPIA member companies (451) now amounts to 15trillion yen, and they operate not only in Japan, but also worldwide with over 1300 manufacturing facilities around the world in support of global automobile production activities. JAPIA has headquarters in Tokyo and three branches: Kanto Branch Office, Chubu Branch Office and Kansai Branch Office. Each member belongs to one of branch offices.



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Headquarters conducts various activities as well in coordination with related government agencies and organizations in addition to running each of committees. Each branch, in coordination with committees of the headquarters, is responsible for events initiated by the branch including lectures and plant tours.

AIAG The Automotive Industry Action Group is a globally recognized organization founded in 1982, based in the U.S. The purpose is to provide an open forum where members cooperate in developing and promoting solutions that enhances the prosperity of the automotive industry. AIAG's focus is to continuously improve business processes and practices involving trading partners throughout the supply chain.

Under the auspices of AIAG, volunteers from all layers of the supply chain work together to resolve issues critical to the automotive supply chain.