

## **Volvo Group IMDS Rejection Guide for Suppliers**

Avoid Costly Delays & Strengthen Your Compliance with TrueNorth

The **Volvo Group** has some of the strictest IMDS (International Material Data System) rules in the automotive industry. Suppliers that fail to comply risk **delayed approvals**, **strained relationships**, and **potential loss of business opportunities**.

This guide outlines the most common **reasons for IMDS rejections by Volvo Group**, and how to avoid them.

# X Top Reasons Volvo Group Rejects IMDS Submissions

## 1. Incorrect BOM Structure

- Assemblies not properly broken into sub-parts and materials.
- Missing weight alignment with physical drawings.

## 2. Wrong or Missing Application Codes

 Failure to use the correct Volvo-specific codes for platings, coatings, and restricted materials.

#### 3. Use of Joker Substances

 Overuse of generic "unspecified" substances instead of actual chemical breakdowns.

## 4. Failure to Disclose SVHCs

Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) above 0.1% not reported properly.

# 5. Weight Mismatches

Declared weight does not match technical drawings or part specs.

## 6. **OEM-Specific Rule Misalignment**

 Submission not fully aligned with Volvo-specific IMDS guidance (strict validation rules).



# **☑** Best Practices to Avoid Rejection

- Always review Volvo-specific IMDS guidelines before submission.
- Run both IMDS "check" tool and a manual quality review.
- Verify supplier-provided MDS data before integrating.
- Validate that all restricted substances comply with ELV, RoHS, and GADSL.
- Keep up with IMDS updates (e.g., 15.0 features) and adjust processes.

# Why Outsource Volvo IMDS Submissions to TrueNorth

Even highly capable suppliers often stumble when dealing with Volvo's strict compliance environment. That's why outsourcing IMDS to **TrueNorth Global Compliance** provides a strategic advantage:

# 1. Volvo-Specific Expertise

 Our IMDS specialists know the nuances of Volvo Group rules, minimizing rejections.

## 2. Faster Turnaround Times

Avoid lengthy resubmission cycles by getting it right the first time.

## 3. Integrated Compliance Beyond IMDS

 TrueNorth aligns IMDS submissions with SCIP, REACh, and ESG reporting, creating one consistent dataset.

#### 4. Supplier Coaching

We train and support your suppliers to improve the quality of incoming data.

#### 5. Protect Your OEM Relationship

 On-time, error-free submissions strengthen trust with Volvo and safeguard business continuity.

# 6. Cost Efficiency

 Save internal resources for engineering and innovation while TrueNorth handles compliance execution.



# turn Compliance into a Competitive Advantage

For suppliers, rejection from Volvo is more than a compliance issue — it's a **business risk**. By partnering with TrueNorth, you don't just avoid rejections, you position your company as a reliable, future-ready supplier.

👉 Work with TrueNorth Global Compliance and ensure your Volvo IMDS submissions are always on target.