



IMDS / CDX Data Entry Guideline

Ensure Accuracy, Save Time, and Stay Compliant

Entering data into **IMDS (International Material Data System)** or **CDX (Compliance Data Exchange)** is a highly detailed process. Errors, missing information, or incorrect structures can lead to **rejections, delays, and potential fines** from OEMs and regulators. This guideline outlines best practices for accurate data entry and explains how outsourcing to **TrueNorth Global Compliance** transforms compliance into an advantage.



Best Practices for IMDS / CDX Data Entry

1. Accurate BOM Breakdown

- Ensure the Bill of Materials is correctly structured from assemblies down to material level.
- Match weights with drawings and specifications.

2. Substance-Level Detail

- Avoid “joker substances” unless absolutely necessary.
- Provide exact chemical compositions with CAS numbers where possible.

3. Correct Application Codes

- Apply OEM-specific codes in IMDS and standardized IPC-1752A codes in CDX.

4. Compliance Checks

- Cross-check against **GADSL, REACH SVHC, RoHS, and ELV** restricted substances lists.
- Validate thresholds (e.g., 0.1% SVHC reporting).

5. Data Consistency Across Platforms

- Align IMDS and CDX entries to avoid conflicting declarations to OEMs.

6. Version Control & Documentation

- Keep a clear record of submitted versions, updates, and justifications for any changes.

Why Outsource IMDS / CDX Data Entry to TrueNorth

While many companies attempt to handle IMDS/CDX internally, the workload is **time-consuming and error-prone**. TrueNorth removes these risks and delivers strategic advantages:

1. Specialized Expertise

- Our team knows OEM-specific IMDS rules and CDX workflows, reducing rejections and rework.

2. Faster, Accurate Submissions

- Streamlined processes and quality checks guarantee on-time compliance.

3. Integrated Regulatory Alignment

- We align IMDS/CDX submissions with REACH, RoHS, and SCIP, ensuring **one dataset serves multiple regulations**.

4. Supplier Coaching & Validation

- TrueNorth engages with your suppliers to validate incoming data and improve quality upstream.

5. Resource Efficiency

- Free your engineering and procurement teams from manual data entry and let them focus on product innovation.

6. Future-Ready Scalability

- As your compliance needs grow, TrueNorth provides scalable support without the cost of building in-house teams.

Turn Data Entry into a Competitive Advantage

IMDS and CDX submissions don't have to be a bottleneck. With TrueNorth Global Compliance, your data entry is **accurate, consistent, and strategically aligned** to protect OEM relationships and enable smooth market access.

 *Outsource today — achieve compliance faster, smarter, and with peace of mind.*