

## **Materials Declaration of Electrical and Electronic Products via Umbrella Specifications**

### **Position Statement of the Manufacturers of Electronic Parts and Components towards the International Material Data System (IMDS) of the Car Manufacturers**

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As pointed out in the General Position Papers of the Electronic Components Division within the German Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers Association (ZVEI) dated September 2001 and January 2003 the original requirement of the IMDS system of the car manufacturers, to provide detailed material data for individual electronic components, sub-assemblies and assemblies creates huge and non-justified effort in terms of resources, time consumption and cost.

However, in order to satisfy the needs of our customers the Electronic Components Division within ZVEI has proposed an much more efficient alternative approach for the materials declaration of electronic components. This approach leads to the so-called Umbrella Specifications (see URL: [http://www.zvei-be.org/materialcontentes/infosatusquo\\_engl.html](http://www.zvei-be.org/materialcontentes/infosatusquo_engl.html))

*Status of the Discussion of the Umbrella Specifications with the Car Manufacturers within the IMDS Steering Committee and the German Car Manufacturers Association (VDA)*

The approach of Umbrella Specifications has been introduced to representatives of the IMDS Steering Committee as well as representatives of the VDA.

During these discussions it was proven evidence that the Umbrella Specifications are a fully acceptable way to provide all information required by the automotive industry and to meet the legal requirements.

Meanwhile progress has been made in compiling the materials data of electronic components by the component suppliers. It is therefore realistic to expect that the vast majority of electronic components is covered by the Umbrella Specifications by April 2003 latest.

Those Umbrella Specifications shall be accessible by the customers via Internet, URL: <http://www.zvei-be.org> or/and the homepage of the components manufacturer.

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