

Product Compliance Frequently Asked Questions

No.	Question	Response	Reference
1.	What is an MDS?	MDS stands for Material Data Sheet, it is the structure used to report in IMDS or CDX	
2.	What is Cummins's top three MDS rejection causes?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Missing Cummins supplier code, 2. Incorrect part name 3. Incorrect material classification 	Cummins Product Compliance Manual, Section 6
3.	Can I submit a new datasheet?	A new datasheet is only needed if the part number is new or has been changed, if received in place of a revised datasheet will result in a rejection of the submission.	IMDS Recommendation 001 Section 3.2.1
4.	Can I just send a letter saying my product meets requirements?	A letter is only good for a brief period, as CES10903, the Cummins list of declarable and prohibited substances, is revised twice per year. It is Cummins policy to require Full Material Disclosure (FMD) submission of an MDS via IMDS or CDX.	Cummins Product Compliance Manual, Section 12
5.	What substances need to be reported?	Substances that are present in the finished product must be reported.	Cummins Product Compliance Manual, Section 4
6	What changes require revision of an MDS submission?	Changes in material, weight, updates to prohibited and restricted substances, application codes or classifications require updates to MDS submissions	Cummins Product Compliance Manual, Section 5, 6, & 10
7	What is a supplier code?	A supplier code is the number assigned to an organization by the Cummins Purchasing system. It can be found in your Purchasing documentation or in any Request for submission received from the PCRA group.	
8	Can I submit using my part number/name?	No, you must use the Cummins part number and name in your MDS submissions.	Cummins Product Compliance Manual, Section 9 & 10
9	Can I use Jokers or Wildcards?	Yes, you cannot use the Joker or Wild card to hide a prohibited or restricted substance. No more than 10% of substance content can be Joker/Wildcard	Cummins Product Compliance Manual, Section 8
10	Do I need to check my submission before sending?	Yes, MDS checks need to be completed before submission. You should be checking your submission to IMDS/CDX and Cummins requirements	Cummins Product Compliance Manual, Section 9
11	How long will it take to get my submission checked?	Due to complexity of some MDS receipts, it may take up to 30 days to receive a disposition on a submission.	
14	Are there other ways to submit product data?	Cummins only accepts other types of product data submission when special permission is given in writing.	Cummins Supplier Requirements Manual