

CAMDS FAQ

General

Question	Answer
What is the timeline of implementation?	The CAMDS testing system has been released in 2009/05/11. 15 OEM and CATARC are doing pilot studies. Suppliers will not be required to input data but can apply for a testing account. The date when CAMDS productive system will be released is not known today
How is data security and data ownership handled?	Similar to IMDS (estimation of CATARC). Only recipient but as well CATARC can see the data.
What are the technical details of CAMDS in terms of system capacity and response?	The system capacity is 30TB, not including backup disk and system server. According to CATARC's comments, it can be used about 5 years. If the capacity is not enough, they will enhance the system capacity.
Does CAMDS has own Terms of use (ToU)?	Yes, they have to be accepted when you first log on the system.
Which companies are in the CAMDS SC?	There are 15 OEMs in CAMDS steering committee, 3 OEMs of them are joint venture. They are SGMW (SAIC+ GM+ Liuzhou Wuling), Dong Feng Motor (DFAC + Nissan) and DPCA (DFAC+ CITROEN).

Getting started

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How do I get access to CAMDS?	For access to productive system you will have to apply at one of your customers. This does not mean, that data can only be sent to this customer then. For access to testing system you can apply at webmaster@camds.org . In general each company admin can create an account for another company, so Tier1 supplier might create an account for Tier2 and so on.
Are CAMDS trainings available	OEMs will have to organize training for their suppliers.

Organizational issues

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Where can I get information and news on CAMDS?	CATARC website (Chinese language only): http://www.camds.org/camds_zh/index.html
Who are the contact persons at CATARC for CAMDS issues?	CAMDS: Mr. Dong Changqing (CATARC, Deputy Director Engineer) BSL: Mr. Chen Liping (Changchun FAW Group)
Will each user have to pay for user access?	No, there is no license fee.
How is maintenance of CAMDS organized?	CAMDS steering committee authorizes CATARC to do maintenance of CAMDS and other related work. It is similar with IMDS authorizing EDS to do such work.

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Who decides about updated and new features in CAMDS?	This is done by CAMDS steering committee.
Can CATARC delete an account?	If user is inactive for long time, CATARC might delete his account.

Obligations / Customer requirements

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Will it be a must for OEM from government side to use CAMDS?	CAMDS is not a mandatory requirement of China government. Requirement for data input depends on OEM's. Administrative Rules of Prohibited Substances and recoverability on Automobiles (CN ELV) is not yet officially released in China. Once it is released, CAMDS will be accepted as one of the control methods for SoC and recoverability information by China government.
Will imported vehicles be covered by CN ELV?	According to the Administrative Rules of Prohibited Substances and recoverability on Automobiles, vehicles produced outside China are not included in the requirements right now, inclusion is still under consideration.
Which OEMs plan to use CAMDS? When do they plan to start?	In China, there may be about 100 OEMs and 20.000 to 30.000 suppliers to use CAMDS in future. Currently (2009/08/05) following customer requirements are known:

OEM	Current Status	Requirement in future
FAW	No requirement	CAMDS, plan to use it in all the subsidiary companies and joint venture later.
Changan	No requirement	CAMDS, plan to use it in all the subsidiary companies after 2010. For the joint venture companies, it could be determined by themselves.
Chery	IMDS and own form	CAMDS, plan to use it in the late of this year.
DFAC	Own systems and form	CAMDS, plan to use it next year.
Great Wall	MCC and own form	CAMDS, begin to tryout itself. They will let the supplier to use it later.
Brilliance	No requirement For the vehicles exported to EU, the parts should be tested in SGS.	CAMDS, but they don't make sure they will cancel the test requirements later.
SGMW	only for engine division SGMW use IMDS	CAMDS, but they will take actions till mandatory standard issued.
Geely	IMDS	CAMDS, but no detailed schedule.
SAIC	IMDS	They will be in accordance with national timing requirements to use CAMDS

Data entry and Flow

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Integration of the supply chain?	Like in IMDS the whole supply chain can be involved. A request function is available.
How is CAMDS BSL maintained?	If any substance needs to be added into the BSL this can be applied for at CATARC. CATARC will check and decide to add the substance to BSL.
In which language data has to be entered?	Logon to application is possible in both, English and Chinese. Parts name can be inserted in English language.
In which language user manual is available?	Both Chinese and English versions of user manual are available, but not yet available on the website.
Are there any CAMDS data input rules available, like the IMDS Recommendations?	About 20 recommendations will be available, but not yet published. Customer requirements may differ.
Can data be disclosed using a flat structure?	Data without the structure of child parts, only disclosing the materials can be accepted by system, but acceptance of customer depends on OEM's specific acceptance criteria.
Is public standard data, like standard materials available in CAMDS?	Standard materials (approx. 5000) for CN and international standards are available in CAMDS.
Is it allowed to use wildcards and confidential data in CAMDS?	Within CAMDS the use of 10% confidential substances is allowed. The form is different from IMDS, but the function is similar.
For the components mounted on PCBs, there is general "umbrella" public data available in IMDS. Is there any similar data available in CAMDS?	CAMDS still doesn't have such sort of public data, but CATARC has considered adding this function.
Is it possible to calculate recoverability rate within CAMDS?	CAMDS can calculate the recoverability rate automatically.

Link to IMDS

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Will there be an interface between IMDS and CAMDS?	<p>This is dependent on licensing of IMDS BSL. If yes, CATARC would like to develop an interface between IMDS and CAMDS. If not, CATARC will develop an upload tool for CAMDS users.</p> <p>Questions on intellectual property will have to be discussed with IMDS SC; CAMDS supplier WG can promote that.</p> <p>The user should pay for the creation of the interface and license for the use of the interface.</p> <p>CATARC checks the existing IMDS up-load tool. Suppliers have to pay any license fee if we use IMDS AI, an up-load tool from internal systems to IMDS.</p> <p>CAMDS may be adopted the same way.</p>
Does CAMDS use BSL (Basic Substance List) of IMDS?	<p>No. CAMDS BSL contains about 8000 substance which can mainly be found in IMDS BSL as well, but with different ID numbers. CATARC already contacted IMDS Committee or EDS but did not license it. Discussions between CAMDS WG and IMDS SC are ongoing to mediate contact between CAMDS SC and IMDS SC.</p> <p>CAMDS SC would like part suppliers to promote the negotiation. Part suppliers contact IMDS SC and set up a Telco. We may participate in the Telco.</p>
Will CAMDS use IMDS BSL or GADSL in future to avoid double work when investigating data?	CAMDS SC does not plan to join GASG, but maybe single OEM.