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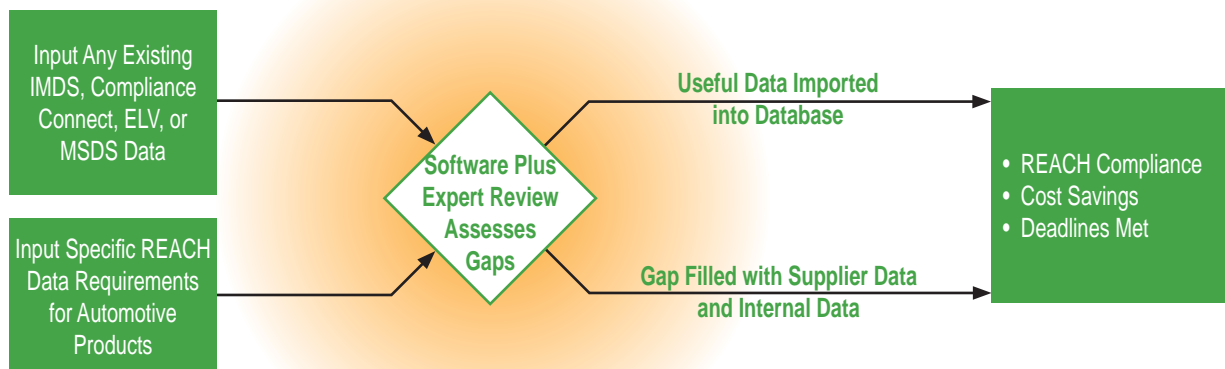
# REACH Services for Automotive Companies

**PROBLEM:** Most automotive manufacturers and exporters have captured a lot of substance information in the process of complying with the International Material Data System (IMDS) and the End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) Directive. The new REACH (Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals) Regulation presents the challenge of considering new substances and added requirements. For example, consider the case of a nickel compound in an article fashioned from a steel alloy. That nickel compound may incur a “notification” obligation if it appears on a list of Substance of Very High Concern (SVHCs) which will be released by the European Union (EU) in 2008. In most cases, you would be required to communicate the presence of those nickel compounds in your steel components to your customers, which you may or may not have done with IMDS, depending on your customers’ requests.

A major challenge facing automotive companies is correctly assessing the gap between the current state of IMDS compliance and understanding what must be done to attain REACH compliance

**SOLUTION:** Tetra Tech has deep experience working on IMDS/ELV. We have trained and consulted on IMDS for hundreds of automotive companies since 2001. If you are IMDS/ELV compliant, our approach is to leverage your IMDS/ELV Compliance data to meet the REACH requirement for a fraction of the cost incurred if you addressed REACH in a vacuum.

We capture your IMDS data, plus other environmental data, such as MSDS sheets; do a gap analysis against the new REACH requirements and intelligently minimize your resource needs by addressing only the gap between IMDS and REACH. Starting a REACH compliance program from scratch, while better than doing nothing, can be a serious waste of resources when much of the data already exists in your systems or in your supply chain’s systems. In some cases, after a brief assessment, we may be able to tell you that your IMDS efforts have captured most of the data you will ever need for REACH, and that your only need is to document the status of your compliance!



**RESULT:** 100% of products are REACH compliant. Cost and effort is minimized by leveraging expert teams and intelligent database solutions, and by avoiding a redundant revisiting of the same steps taken toward IMDS compliance.