



IMnI's Policy for Collection of Data on Members' Products & Substances

The three over-riding policy principles governing IMnI's collection of data on members' products and substances are vertical information flow, anonymity and aggregation by the rule of 3, this last to be implemented when applicable.

All data submitted by members to the IMnI remains confidential in the hands of the IMnI secretariat and under no circumstances shall be passed on to any third party, including other IMnI members. Nor shall such data be published or distributed by the IMnI in any form which could identify the origin or originator of the data.

No written or oral commentary shall be provided by the IMnI secretariat on any such submitted data to any third party, including IMnI members. No data shall be reviewed or commented on by any IMnI Committee or Committee member unless such data has first been aggregated and rendered anonymous in accordance with these Policy guidelines.

The IMnI secretariat shall refuse to answer any questions or enquiries from members regarding data submitted by any member other than to respond to questions asked by a specific member regarding that member's own submitted data return and only with a view to rectifying errors or correcting omissions in respect thereof.

All data submitted by members shall be held in electronic form on a dedicated disc accessible only to accredited staff members of the IMnI secretariat. One back-up copy of the data shall be made and retained in a safe place under the care and control of the IMnI secretariat only. No copies of this information, in any form whatsoever, shall be passed on to any third party, including members of IMnI, by IMnI secretariat staff members.

This policy is internal to the IMnI. All data provided to the IMnI will be shared by the contributing members in an aggregated, anonymous form.