



**Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification
and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Fifty-fifth session**

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**Electric storage systems: Hazard-based system
for classification of lithium batteries****Work of the informal working group on hazard-based
classification of lithium batteries and cells****Transmitted by the expert from France on behalf of the informal
working group*****Introduction**

1. The third meeting of the informal working group met was held in Geneva on 5 and 6 December 2018 after the fifty-fourth session of the Sub-Committee. The report of the meeting of the informal working group is contained in informal document INF.5.
2. The informal working group would like to inform the Sub-Committee of the following:
 - (a) an inter-laboratory cooperation took place at the beginning of March to organize the testing program mentioned in the report;
 - (b) this cooperation will produce results that will be discussed at the next meeting of the informal working group in October (some dates, to be confirmed, have been proposed see paragraph 62 of the report in informal document INF.5);
 - (c) it might be useful to organise a lunchtime discussion to discuss the work in progress during the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee in July.
3. The Sub-Committee is invited to take note of the report of the informal working group in informal document INF.5 and the work in progress, comment as appropriate and approve the programme of work proposed by the working group.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2019–2020 approved by the Committee at its ninth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/108, paragraph 141 and ST/SG/AC.10/46, paragraph 14).