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Carriage of intentionally active equipment containing lithium batteries  
New special provision 656

Note by the secretariat

Reference: Informal documents INF.25 (Switzerland) and INF.50 (United States of America)

Proposal:

**Chapter 3.3**

Add the following new special provision:

“656 The requirement of the first sentence of special provision 188 (e) does not apply to devices which are intentionally active in transport (radio frequency identification (RFID) transmitters, watches, sensors, etc.) and which are not capable of generating a dangerous evolution of heat.

Notwithstanding special provision 188 (b), lithium batteries manufactured before 1 January 2009 may continue to be carried without the Watt-hour rating on the outside case after 31 December 2010.”.