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Transitional period for lithium batteries

Transmitted by the expert from France

Proposal

Add the text below at the end of 2.9.4 letter (a) (instead of text agreed during 39th session, as contained in document 2012/68.).

"2.9.4 (a) Cells and batteries manufactured according to a type meeting the requirements of sub-section 38.3 of the Manual of Tests and Criteria, Revision 3, Amendment 1 or any subsequent revision and amendment applicable at the date of the type testing may continue to be transported, unless otherwise provided in these Regulations.

Cell and battery types meeting the requirements of the Manual of Tests and Criteria, Revision 3, are no longer valid. However, cells and batteries manufactured in conformity with such types before 1 July 2003 and appliances containing such lithium cells and batteries may continue to be transported if all other applicable requirements are fulfilled."