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LISTING, CLASSIFICATION AND PACKING

Proposed revision to SP 304

Submitted by the Portable Rechargeable Battery Association (PRBA),
RECHARGE and Battery Association of Japan (BAJ)

1. PRBA, RECHARGE and BAJ recognize that it may be inappropriate to place certain provisions in SP 304 against UN 3028 BATTERIES, DRY, CONTAINING POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE when the subject batteries covered by those provisions do not fall under the description of UN 3028 batteries. We propose to address this concern raised by VOHMA by adopting text similar to that already included in the ICAO Technical Instructions.

2. PRBA, RECHARGE and BAJ propose:

(a) Add an entry in the index reading as follows:

“Batteries, electric storage see SP XXX”.

(b) Add a new Special Provision XXX, incorporating new text provisionally adopted for inclusion in SP 304 at the 33rd session, as follows:

“XXX Batteries, electric storage, not otherwise listed are not subject to these regulations provided they are securely packed and protected against short-circuits. Examples of such batteries are: alkali-manganese, zinc-carbon, nickel-metal hydride and nickel cadmium batteries.

In addition, for sea transport of nickel-metal hydride batteries, other than button cells, the following requirements apply:

(a) The consignment shall be accompanied by a document describing the batteries as “nickel-metal hydride batteries” including a declaration signed by the consignor that the batteries are securely packed and protected against short-circuits and that stowage away from sources of heat is required;

- (b) Unit loads and cargo transport units shall be marked “STOW AWAY FROM SOURCES OF HEAT” in capital letters not less than 65 mm high.”.
3. Amend the existing Special Provision 304 by deleting the last sentence.
