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**Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on its
thirty-ninth, fortieth and forty-first sessions and pending issues:
electric storage systems**

Transitional period for lithium batteries

Transmitted by the expert from Germany

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.)

“Cells and batteries manufactured according to a type tested in conformity with the requirements of the Manual of Tests and Criteria, part 3, sub-section 38.3 applicable at the date of their manufacture may continue to be transported.

Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, cells and batteries conforming to a type tested before 1 January 2014 according to the requirements of the fifth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part 3, sub-section 38.3 may continue to be transported.

Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, cells and batteries conforming to a type tested before 1 January 2016 according to the requirements of the fifth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria, amendment 1, Part 3, sub-section 38.3 may continue to be transported.

Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, cells and batteries conforming to a type tested before 1 January 2018 according to the requirements of the fifth revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria, amendment 2, Part 3, sub-section 38.3 may continue to be transported.”

Background Information

The first paragraph of the proposal refers to existing batteries, the second to fourth paragraph refers to new batteries which conform to a design type tested in accordance with the applicable testing provisions at the time of testing.

Entry into force of Manual Tests and criteria:

5th edition:

Since 1.1.2011 (ADR/RID 2011; IMDG-Code 35th Amendment, mandatory since 1.1.2012, means 5th edition applicable till 31.12.2013)

5th edition, amendment 1:

From 1.1.2013 (ADR/RID 2013, IMDG-Code 36th Amendment, mandatory from 1.1.2014)

5th edition, amendment 2:

From 1.1.2015 (ADR/RID 2015, IMDG-Code 37th Amendment, mandatory from 1.1.2016)
