

**RESS SCOPE as a first step**

# **REESS SCOPE to be addressed as a first step**

- **This sub-group has addressed to develop the new REESS safety requirements for higher BEV/PHEV/HEV production volumes in the near future**
- **Several types of REESS exist.**
  - ◆ **Non-water based electrolyte (e.g. Li-ion)**
  - ◆ **Water based electrolyte (e.g. NiMH, Lead-acid)**
  - ◆ **Molten salt, Molten metal (e.g. ZEBRA, NaS)**
  - ◆ **Capacitors, etc.**
- **At present and foreseeable future, the most of REESS for BEV/PHEV/HEV will use electro-chemical battery with Non-water based electrolyte or Water based electrolyte**

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- **The major risks considered by the group is Fire/Explosion, while other safety aspect has been covered by existing regulations (ref. RESS-1-4)**
- **Flammability of the electrolyte is the key element to assess the potential risks of Fire/Explosion**
- **The potential risks are significantly different between
  - ◆ **Flammable, non-water based electrolyte (Li-ion )**
  - and**
  - ◆ **Non-flammable, water based electrolyte (NiMH, Lead-acid)****

# Difference between Flammable and non-Flammable

	Li-ion	NiMH	Lead-acid
Reaction mechanism	<p>● Lithium ion (<math>\text{Li}^+</math>) electrolyte</p>	<p>● Hydroxide (<math>\text{OH}^-</math>) electrolyte</p>	<p>● Proton (<math>\text{H}^+</math>) electrolyte</p>
carrier	Lithium-ion	Hydroxide-ion	Proton
cathode	Lithium metal oxide	Nickel oxyhydroxide	Lead dioxide
anode	Carbon	Hydrogen storage alloy	Lead
Electrolyte	Organic electrolyte <b>(Flammable)</b>	Aqueous alkaline <b>(non-Flammable)</b>	Dilute sulfuric acid <b>(non-Flammable)</b>
Flash point	<b>20-30°C</b>	None	None
Auto-ignition point	<b>About 450°C (High volatile)</b>	No ignition point	No ignition point
Auto-flammable limit	2.6-14.4 vol%	Non-Flammable	Non-Flammable

# Difference between Flammable and non-Flammable

## Flammability Test of electrolyte



Organic electrolyte for Lithium ion cell

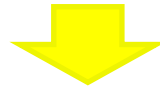


Aqueous alkaline electrolyte for Nickel Metal Hydride cell

## Conclusion

- **The R100/02 draft has been discussed focusing on the Li-ion which uses flammable electrolyte.**
- **It is inappropriate to simply apply to the other batteries without assessing the degree of the potential risks and the expected effect of the regulatory requirements.**

***\*The potential risk of non-flammable electrolytes are far below than that of flammable electrolyte, as those has no flash point nor auto-ignition point.***



**The appropriate requirements for non-flammable should be developed for REESS as a next step after through examination of the potential risks and the effectiveness.**

**End**