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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 International Air Transport Association
(IATA)**

Introduction

1. At its present session the Sub-Committee has considered a number of documents related to transitional provisions for lithium batteries. It has been generally recognized that amendments to the Model Regulations are necessary to address the issue, however opinions have been divided over the best way forward. The Model Regulations should provide for previously tested design types to remain valid unless a specific safety concern is identified requiring a particular amendment to be implemented in such a way as to require existing designs to be retested.
2. The proposal intends to allow the manufacture and transport of batteries conforming to the test requirements in effect at the time of testing unless otherwise provided by the model regulations.

Proposal

3. 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.)

Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, cells and batteries of a type successfully tested in accordance with the requirements of the Manual of Tests and Criteria, sub-section 38.3, applicable when the type was tested, may continue to be transported.
