



**Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification
and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods****Forty-fourth session**

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Electric storage systems: miscellaneous**Electric storage systems – appropriate hazard
communication****Transmitted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)¹****Introduction**

1. At its forty-third session, the Sub-Committee considered the question raised by ICAO (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2013/26) whether assignment to class 9 with the consequential danger label (No. 9) was sufficient to convey the specific dangers posed by electric storage devices such as lithium batteries (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/86, paragraphs 53 to 56 refers). Although many agreed the Class 9 label alone did not adequately communicate the hazard(s), no final conclusion could be drawn on how to improve the hazard communication for this class. However, all experts and organizations concerned were asked to give consideration to the issues raised, noting they would be of interest to both transport workers and emergency responders.

2. A report of this discussion is contained in a working paper to the twenty-fourth meeting of the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP/24) which will be held in Montreal from 28 October to 8 November 2013 (DGP/24-WP/41, see www.icao.int/safety/DangerousGoods/Pages/DGP24-WPs.aspx). An informal paper will be presented at the forty-fourth session, providing the Sub-Committee with the outcome of the discussions by the DGP.

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2013-2014 approved by the Committee at its sixth session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/84, para. 86 and ST/SG/AC.10/40, para. 14).