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Interpretation of ADR

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Special provision 636 of chapter 3.3 for 2017

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Summary

Executive summary: To maintain in the paragraph b) first indent of the SP636 the terms of the ADR2015 “**together with or without other non-lithium cells or batteries,**” adopted for 2019

Action to be taken: .

Background documents:

Introduction

1. At the Joint Meeting of September 2016 the proposal of document INF.13 was adopted. It consisted in maintaining in the first paragraph of the SP636 the concept currently existing in the DS636 b) of mixture of batteries of different types during the transport of lithium batteries for disposal. In conclusion for 2019 in the SP636 the words “**together with or without other non-lithium cells or batteries,**” will appear in the first paragraph of the SP636. The same words exist in the actual version of the SP636 b) first indent. Those words will however disappear in the version 2017 and finally will appear again in 2019.

2. It happened that the intervention of our delegation during the session asking to maintain also these words in the text planned for 2017 of this SP636 was not well reproduced in the report of the Joint Meeting of September. To point 50 of the aforesaid report a not very precise sentence indicates that “The UNECE and OTIF secretariats were also requested to carefully check the French and German translations, as some of the texts in force had been changed during translation, while they were not subject to amendment. ».

3. Since this amendment, adopted by the Meeting, consists in maintaining for the version 2019 the wording existing in the ADR 2015 of the SP636, it would be advisable to also maintain these terms in the version 2017.

4. This is why we propose to correct the text of the DS636 2017 as follows:

Proposal

5. In the SP636 modify the paragraph b) first indent (bold and underlined new added text) :

636 ...

(b) Up to the intermediate processing facility:

- lithium cells and batteries with a gross mass of not more than 500 g each or lithium ion cells with a Watt-hour rating of not more than 20 Wh, lithium ion batteries with a Watt-hour rating of not more than 100 Wh, lithium metal cells with a lithium content of not more than 1 g and lithium metal batteries with an aggregate lithium content of not more than 2 g, not contained in equipment, collected and handed over for carriage for sorting, disposal or recycling, **together with or without other non-lithium cells or batteries,** as well as

6. This amendment should be considered as a correction of the text for 2017.
