

Transport of Damaged Lithium Batteries

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Proposal

1. For UN 3090, UN 3091, UN 3480 and UN 3481 a new special provision "6xx" should be introduced in column (6).
2. The following special provision should be inserted in Chapter 3.3

(Changes compared to the proposal in INF.6 are underlined.):

“6xx Carriage of damaged lithium batteries if not collected and presented for carriage for disposal according to special provision 636 is permitted only under the conditions defined by the competent authority of the country of origin.

Only packing methods which are approved for these goods by the competent authority may be used.

The competent authority approval shall include the applicable transport category and the tunnel restriction code.

A copy of the competent authority approval shall accompany each consignment or the transport document shall include an indication that the carriage is approved by the competent authority.

(ADR): The competent authority of the Contracting Party applying an approval in accordance with this special provision shall notify the secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

(RID): The competent authority of the RID Contracting State applying an approval in accordance with this special provision shall notify the Secretariat of OTIF.

Note: Any recommendation that would be made by the United Nations for technical requirements for the carriage of damaged lithium batteries shall be considered by granting the approval.

Damaged lithium batteries are in particular:

- Batteries identified by the manufacturer as being defective for safety reasons,
- Batteries with damaged or considerably deformed cases,
- Leaking or venting batteries,
- Batteries that are not diagnostable ~~diagnostic capable~~.”