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**Electric storage systems: transport provisions**

## Phone Number on Lithium Battery Mark

### Transmitted by PRBA – The Rechargeable Battery Association and RECHARGE the Advanced Rechargeable & Lithium Batteries Association\*

#### Introduction

1. As explained in informal document INF.30 (56<sup>th</sup> session) during the fifty-sixth session, questions have been raised by members of this Sub-Committee and, in particular, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on the intended use of the phone number, whether it needs to be a 24/7 emergency response phone number, and how it is being implemented by shippers and carriers. During the 56<sup>th</sup> session, there was a general consensus that, based on years of transport experience, the phone number adds little practical value and that removing the phone number would not reduce the effectiveness of the mark. Our paper therefore proposes to remove the phone number requirement from the lithium battery mark in 5.2.1.9.2 and Figure 5.2.5 but to still authorize the use of the phone number until 31 December 2026 to allow shippers the opportunity to exhaust their current inventory of marks and packages containing the marks.

#### Proposal

2. In 5.2.1.9 amend Figure 5.2.5 as follows:
  - Remove the two asterisks (\*\*) on the lithium battery mark;
  - Remove note *\*\* Place for telephone number for additional information* that is referenced immediately below the lithium battery mark.
3. Amend 5.2.1.9.2 by adding sentence at end of the paragraph (new text is underlined):

“The mark shall indicate the UN number, preceded by the letter “UN”, i.e. “UN 3090” for lithium metal cells or batteries or “UN 3480” for lithium ion cells or batteries. Where the lithium cells or batteries are contained in, or packed with, equipment the

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UN number, preceded by the letters “UN”, i.e. “UN 3091” or “UN 3481” as appropriate shall be indicated. Where a package contains lithium cells or batteries assigned to different UN numbers, all applicable UN numbers shall be indicated on one or more marks. A telephone number is authorized for use on the mark, where indicated in Figure 5.2.5 in the twenty-first revised edition of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, until 31 December 2026.”

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