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Electric storage systems: transport provisions

Applicability of “make available” for the lithium battery test summary

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Introduction

1. Following discussion of ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2022/20 there was an informal discussion to consider the issue raised and a possible way forward to address the comments provided in plenary.

Proposal

2. The Sub-Committee is invited to add a note under paragraph 2.9.4 (g), as follows (new text is underlined):

“2.9.4 Lithium batteries

Cells and batteries, cells and batteries contained in equipment, or cells and batteries packed with equipment, containing lithium in any form shall be assigned to UN Nos. 3090, 3091, 3480 or 3481 as appropriate. They may be transported under these entries if they meet the following provisions:

...

(g) Except for button cells installed in equipment (including circuit boards), manufacturers and subsequent distributors of cells or batteries manufactured after 30 June 2003 shall make available the test summary as specified in the Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part III, sub-section 38.3, paragraph 38.3.5.

NOTE: The term “make available” means that manufacturers and subsequent distributors have an obligation to ensure that the test summary for lithium cells or batteries or equipment with installed lithium cells or batteries is accessible so that the consignor or other persons in the supply chain can confirm compliance.
