

## Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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**Listing, classification and packing**

### **Used medical devices containing or packed with lithium batteries**

#### **Transmitted by the Council on the Safe Transportation of Hazardous Articles (COSTHA)**

1. Based on the plenary discussion of document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2024/75, COSTHA proposes the following revised text for consideration:

#### **Proposal**

“2.6.3.2.3.9 Except for:

- (a) Medical waste (UN 3291);
- (b) Medical devices or equipment contaminated with or containing infectious substances in Category A (UN 2814 or UN 2900); and
- (c) Medical devices or equipment contaminated with or containing other dangerous goods that meet the definition of another hazard class other than lithium cells or batteries or sodium ion cells or batteries contained in or packed with equipment (UN Nos. 3091, 3481, 3552),

medical devices or equipment potentially contaminated with or containing infectious substances which are being transported for disinfection, cleaning, sterilization, repair, or equipment evaluation are not subject to the provisions of these Regulations if packed in packagings designed and constructed in such a way that, under normal conditions of transport, they cannot break, be punctured or leak their contents. Packagings shall be designed to meet the construction requirements listed in 6.1.4 or 6.6.5.

These packagings shall meet the general packing requirements of 4.1.1.1 and 4.1.1.2 and be capable of retaining the medical devices and equipment when dropped from a height of 1.2 m. For air transport, additional requirements may apply.

The packagings shall be marked “USED MEDICAL DEVICE” or “USED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT”. When using overpacks, these shall be marked in the same way, except when the inscription remains visible.

“When Used Medical Devices contain or are packed with lithium cells or batteries or sodium ion cells or batteries, the relevant entry of the Dangerous Goods List in Chapter 3.2 shall be used and all applicable provisions of these Regulations shall apply.”

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