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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Agenda item 5

**PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO RID/ADR/ADN**

**Comment on**

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Introduction

1. We thank Norway for this proposal, which deals with a real issue and we are in favor of it.. In addition, more general issues should be clarified in relation to lithium batteries, such as lithium battery-powered vehicle or lithium battery-powered equipment.

2. Strictly applying RID/ADR these do not fall under the derogation of 1.1.3.1. It is questionable whether they are covered by UN 3171 , because they are already covered under a more specific entry (UN3091).

3. So according to the current rules, a lithium battery-powered vehicle or a vehicle using lithium batteries in one of its equipment is not allowed to circulate. In order to solve this problem we propose the following amendments

PROPOSALS

Proposal 1 :

- add a special provision to chap 3.3 : “XXX : lithium batteries used for the propulsion of a vehicle or operate an equipment used during transport are not subjected to RID/ADR.
- Add special provision XXX in column (6) under UN 3091.

Proposal 2 :

Another way of dealing with that issue is to interpret RID/ADR in a way where these items fall under UN3171 (the proper shipping name does not explicitly exclude lithium battery from an accumulator).

The joint meeting is invited to debate also on this matter.

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