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Introduction

At the last Joint Meeting, it was decided on the basis of a proposal from France (OTIF/RID/RC/2007/14 – ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2007/14) to include a new 1.1.3.7 in RID/ADR/ADN for exemptions for the carriage of lithium batteries:

“1.1.3.7 Exemptions related to the carriage of lithium batteries

The provisions laid down in RID/ADR do not apply to:

- (a) Lithium batteries installed in a means of transport/vehicle, performing a transport operation and destined for its propulsion or for the operation of any of its equipment;
- (b) Lithium batteries contained in equipment for the operation of this equipment used or intended for use during carriage (e.g. a laptop).”

The justification for this new sub-section was that the exemption in 1.1.3.1 (b) cannot be used for equipment containing lithium batteries, as such equipment is described more specifically in RID/ADR/ADN by UN No. 3091 Lithium batteries contained in equipment.

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New Chapter 7.7 included in the 2007 edition of RID permits dangerous goods to be carried as hand luggage or registered luggage in cases in which certain exemption rules of 1.1.3 are met. As a lot of pieces of equipment containing lithium batteries are already carried as hand luggage these days (e.g. laptops, mobile telephones), it would appear necessary to include in the list in Chapter 7.7 at least the exemption in paragraph (b) of new 1.1.3.7.

Proposal

7.7 amend the end to read as follows:

“... if the exemption requirements of 1.1.3.1 (a) or (b), 1.1.3.2 (b), (d) or (f), 1.1.3.3 or 1.1.3.7 (b) are applicable for the carriage.”
