RID: 45th Session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Berne, 16 May 2008)

Subject: Draft notification texts OTIF/RID/NOT/2009 – Transitional measure for the watt-hour marking

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat reproduces below paragraph 33 of the Report of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its thirty-second session and the corresponding proposal for amendment.

2. Excerpt from the report:

J. Transition period for marking lithium batteries

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33. The Sub-Committee agreed that lithium ion batteries manufactured before 1st January 2009 should not be required to be marked with the watt-hour marking before 1st January 2011 (see annex 1). Modal organizations were invited to reflect this transitional measure in the next amendment to their respective legal instruments.

3. Proposal for amendment for entry into force on 1 January 2009:

In SP 188 (b) as amended in OTIF/RID/NOT/2009:

At the end of the second sentence, after "case", add the following text:

", except those manufactured before 1 January 2009 which may be carried in accordance with this special provision and without this marking until 31 December 2010".