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Subject: Orange-coloured plates for UN 3536 LITHIUM BATTERIES INSTALLED IN
CARGO TRANSPORT UNIT

Proposal transmitted by the Secretariat

1. In document [OTIF/RID/NOT/2019], hazard identification number 90 has been allocated to UN 3536 LITHIUM BATTERIES INSTALLED IN CARGO TRANSPORT UNIT lithium ion batteries or lithium metal batteries.
2. In informal document INF.8, the Secretariat proposed to delete hazard identification number "90" in column (20) of Table A.
3. However, in the last sentence of special provision 389 it is stated that the cargo transport unit shall bear orange-coloured plates in accordance with 5.3.2.2.
4. As RID, unlike ADR, does not contain provisions for orange-coloured plates without a hazard identification number and UN number, the Secretariat believes that hazard identification number "90" should be maintained for RID.
5. However, an amendment seems to be necessary in 5.3.2.1.1 where the cargo transport units on which orange-coloured plates have to be affixed are listed.
6. The Secretariat proposes to insert the following second sentence in 5.3.2.1.1:

"This plate shall also be affixed on both sides of cargo transport unit in which lithium batteries are installed (UN 3536)."
7. The correction concerning UN number 3536 contained in informal document INF.8 should be deleted.