

Multilateral Special Agreement RID 4/2012

under section 1.5.1 RID
concerning the carriage of damaged lithium batteries
(UN Nos. 3090, 3091, 3480 and 3481)

- (1) By derogation from the provision of Chapter 3.3 RID the carriage of damaged lithium batteries if not collected and presented for carriage for disposal according to special provision 636 is permitted only under additional conditions defined by the competent authority of any RID Contracting State, which may also recognise an approval granted by the competent authority of a country which is not an RID Contracting State, provided that this approval has been granted in accordance with the procedures applicable according to RID.

Only packing methods which are approved for these goods by the competent authority may be used.

The competent authority may define a more restrictive transport category, which shall be included in the competent authority approval.

A copy of the competent authority approval shall accompany each consignment or the transport document shall include a reference to the competent authority approval.

The competent authority of the RID Contracting State granting an approval in accordance with this special provision shall notify the secretariat of the OTIF for the purpose of disseminating this information through its website.

Any recommendations made by the United Nations for technical requirements for the carriage of damaged lithium batteries shall be considered when granting the approval.

Damaged lithium batteries means in particular:

- Batteries identified by the manufacturer as being defective for safety reasons
- Batteries with damaged or considerably deformed cases
- Leaking or venting batteries or
- Batteries with faults that cannot be diagnosed prior to carriage to a place of analysis.

- (2) In addition to the information prescribed, the consignor shall enter in the transport document:

"Carriage agreed under the terms of section 1.5.1 RID (RID 4/2012)".

- (3) This agreement shall be valid until 31 December 2012 for carriage on the territories of the RID Contracting States signatory to this Agreement. If it is revoked before that date by one of the signatories, it shall remain valid until the above-mentioned date only for carriage on the territories of those RID Contracting States signatory to this Agreement which have not revoked it.

Bonn, 27 April 2012

The competent authority for RID
of the Federal Republic of Germany

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