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Subject : Multilateral agreement M259 concerning the carriage of damaged or defective lithium cells or batteries (UN 3090 – 3091 – 3480 - 3481)

PJ : Copy of multilateral agreement M259

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Carriage of damaged lithium batteries or cells is permitted according to SP 661 of ADR 3.3.1, only under additional conditions defined by Competent Authorities, provided that any recommendations made by the United Nations for technical requirements for the carriage of those batteries are considered when those Competent Authorities grant their approvals.

In December 2012, the UN sub-committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods adopted new provisions concerning the carriage of some damaged lithium batteries which should be included in RID/ADR 2015

The present multilateral agreement proposes to apply those provisions by anticipation. It allows to avoid multiple administrative procedures within the different contracting parties.

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Competent authorities of the contracting parties to ADR

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In addition, at the request of some competent authorities, it is also stipulated that, when use is made of it a notification shall be sent to the relevant Competent Authorities, which shall allow to gather useful information in order to continue the work in the Un sub-committee of Experts in for clarifying issues about the transport of these item that remained insolved.

I would be very much obliged if you could agree to sign it and forward a copy of it to me and to the secretariat of the ECE in Geneva.

Yours sincerely,

Le chef du service des risques technologiques

Jérôme GOELLNER

