

Transport of electric batteries

Referring to the decision taken by WP.29 at its 158th session (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1099, para. 84) on the matter of transport of electric batteries, the secretariat would like to inform the experts of GRSP and of the informal working group on Rechargeable Energy Storage System (REESS) (please find in paras 34-37 of the report of the ECOSOC Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2012/dgac10c3/ST-SG-AC10-C3-84e.pdf>)

the outcome of the discussion on concerns raised by the battery manufacturers at the fact that batteries have to be submitted to two different testing regimes.

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2012/dgac10c3/ST-SG-AC10-C3-2012-94e.pdf>

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2012/dgac10c3/UN-SCETDG-42-INF62e.pdf>

At the end the Sub-Committee agreed that they could organize an informal meeting to further discuss the problems they encounter, with the mandate specified in para. 36.

The secretariat of the UN Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods was invited to convey the information to the WP.29 secretariat for the purpose of inviting the WP.29 experts in this area to consult their homologue in the ECOSOC Sub-Committee. Please note that this is not a matter discussed by WP.15. For the list of ECOSOC experts, please refer to

http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2012/dgac10c3/list_of_participants_June_2012.pdf

The date and venue of the informal working group session are:

May 6, 7 and 8, 2013 at PRBA's office in Washington, DC.

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The preliminary agenda will be prepared over the next two weeks.
